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THE MOMENT THE KING RESPONDED ...
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WHEN WAS IT...?

WHEN-EVER YOU'RE READY.
赤車流
COME AT ME.
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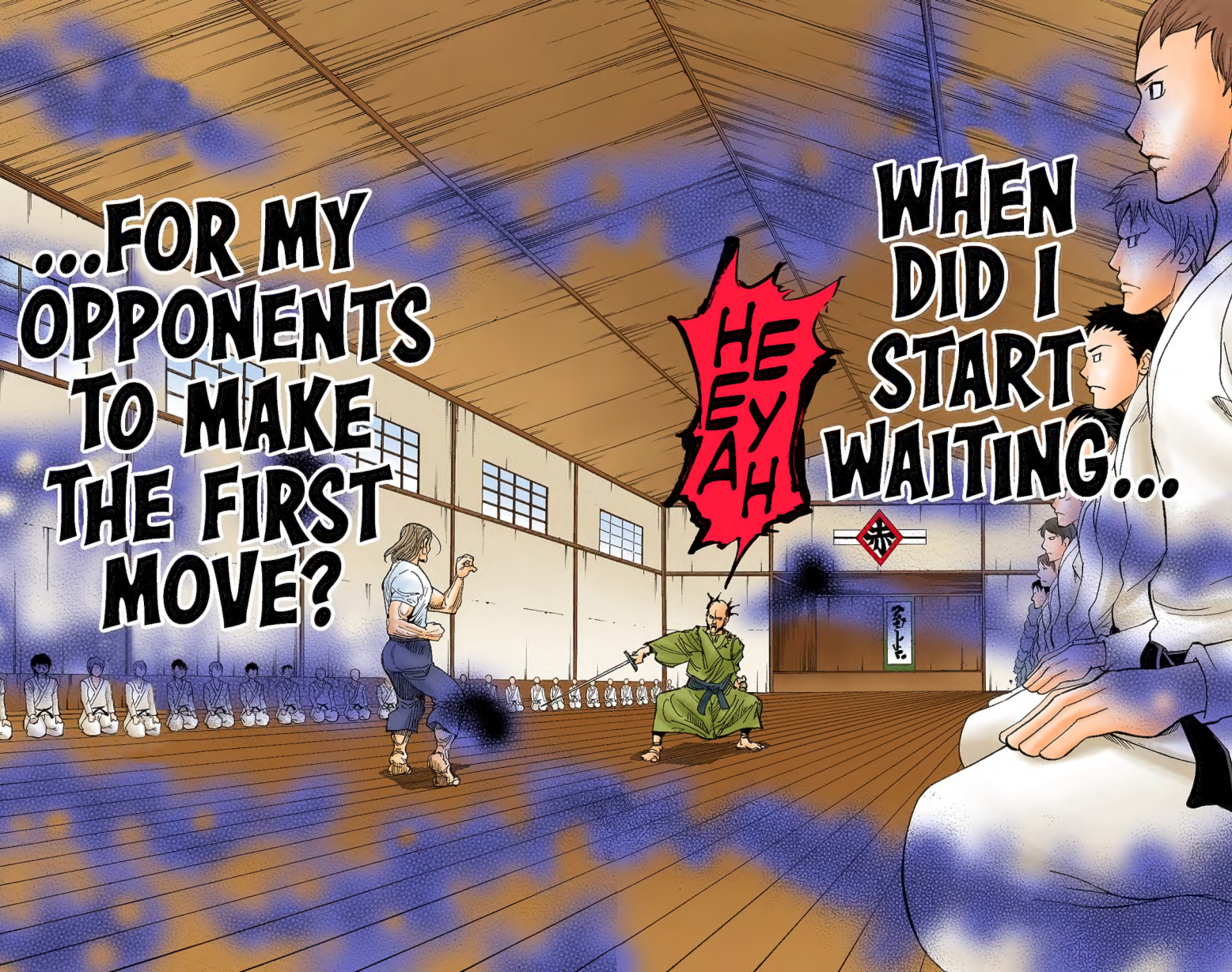
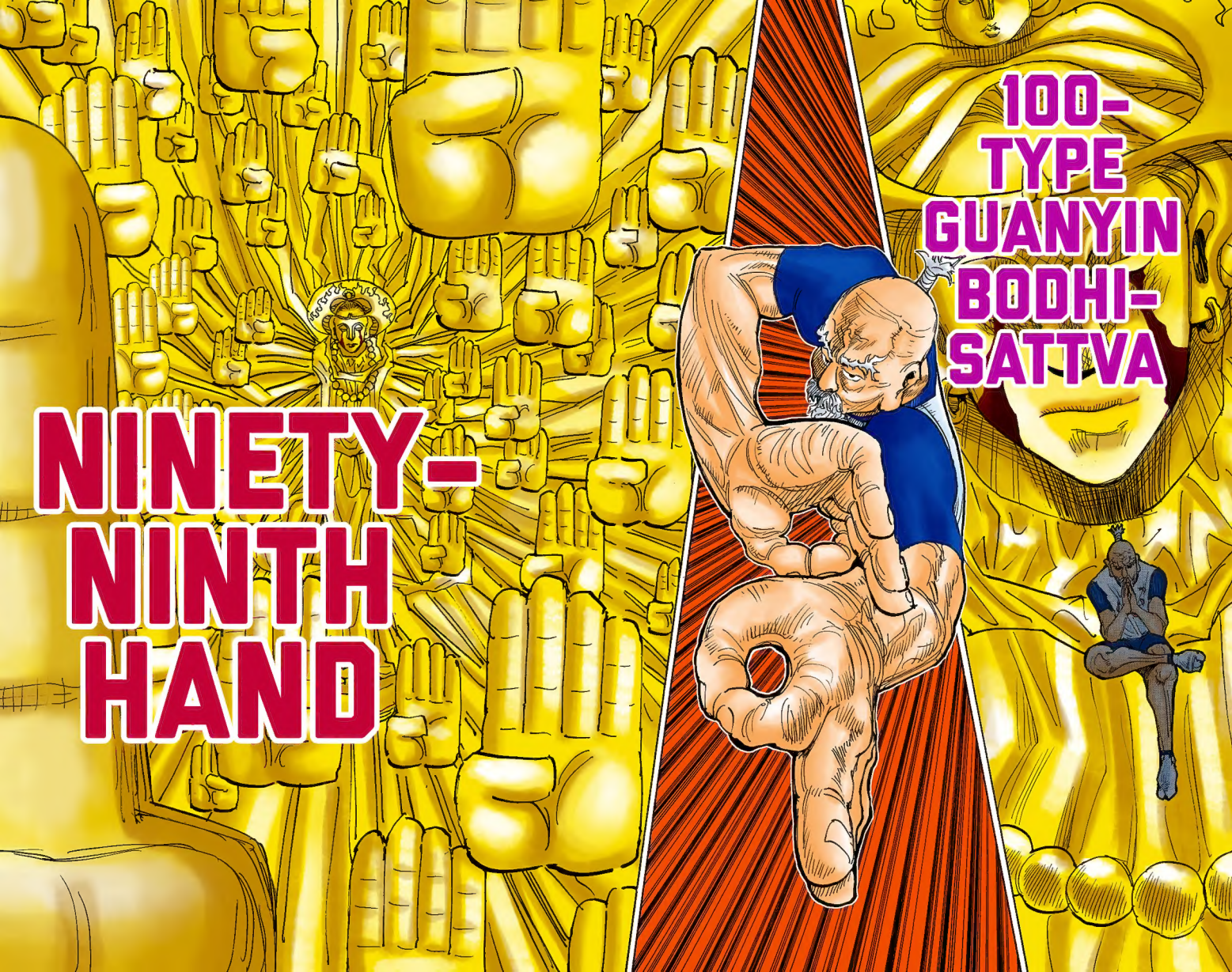
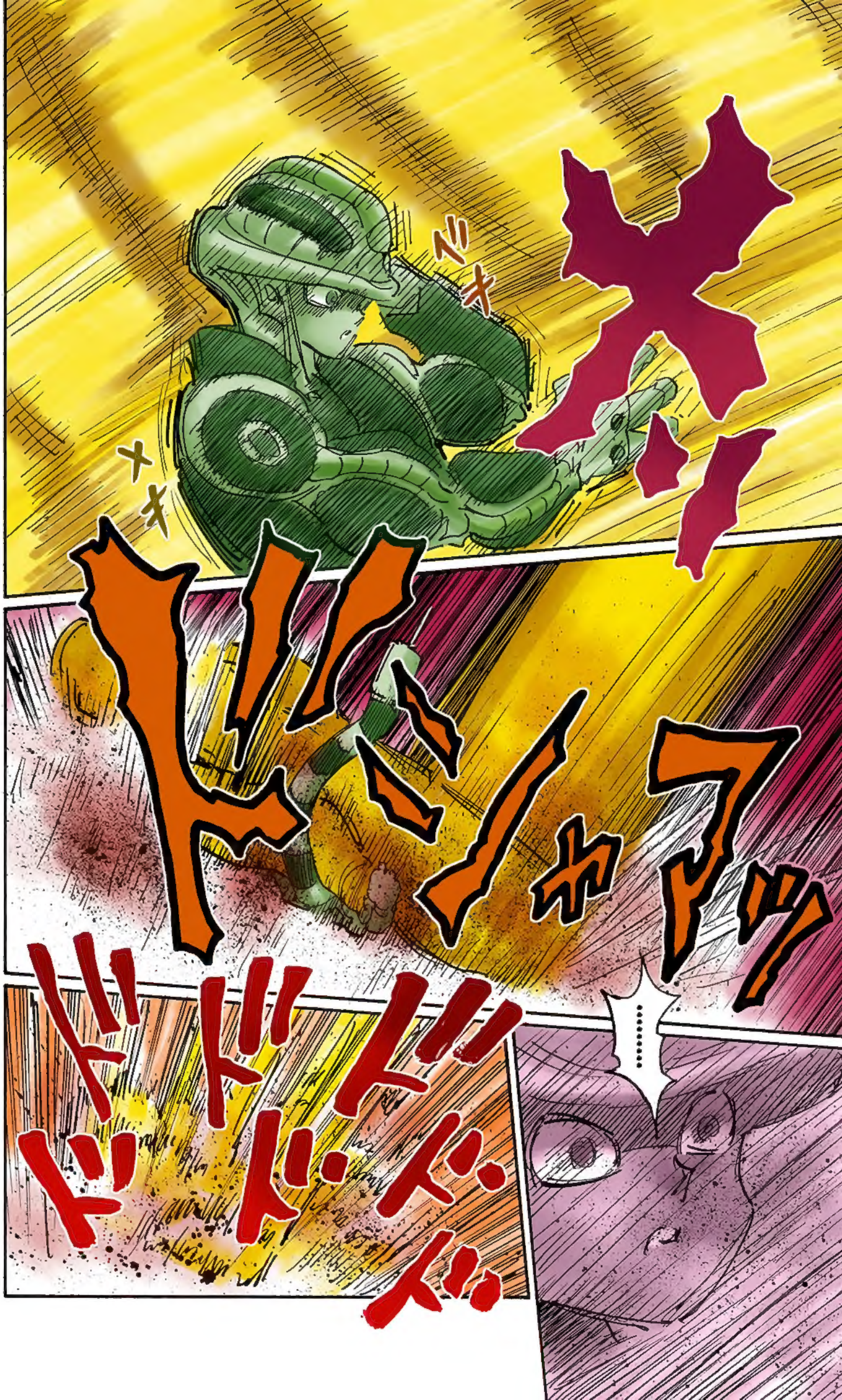

...FOR MY OPPONENTS TO MAKE THE FIRST MOVE?
HEEYAH
WHEN DID I START WAITING...


NINETY-NINTH HAND
100-TYPE GUANYIN BODHI-SATTVA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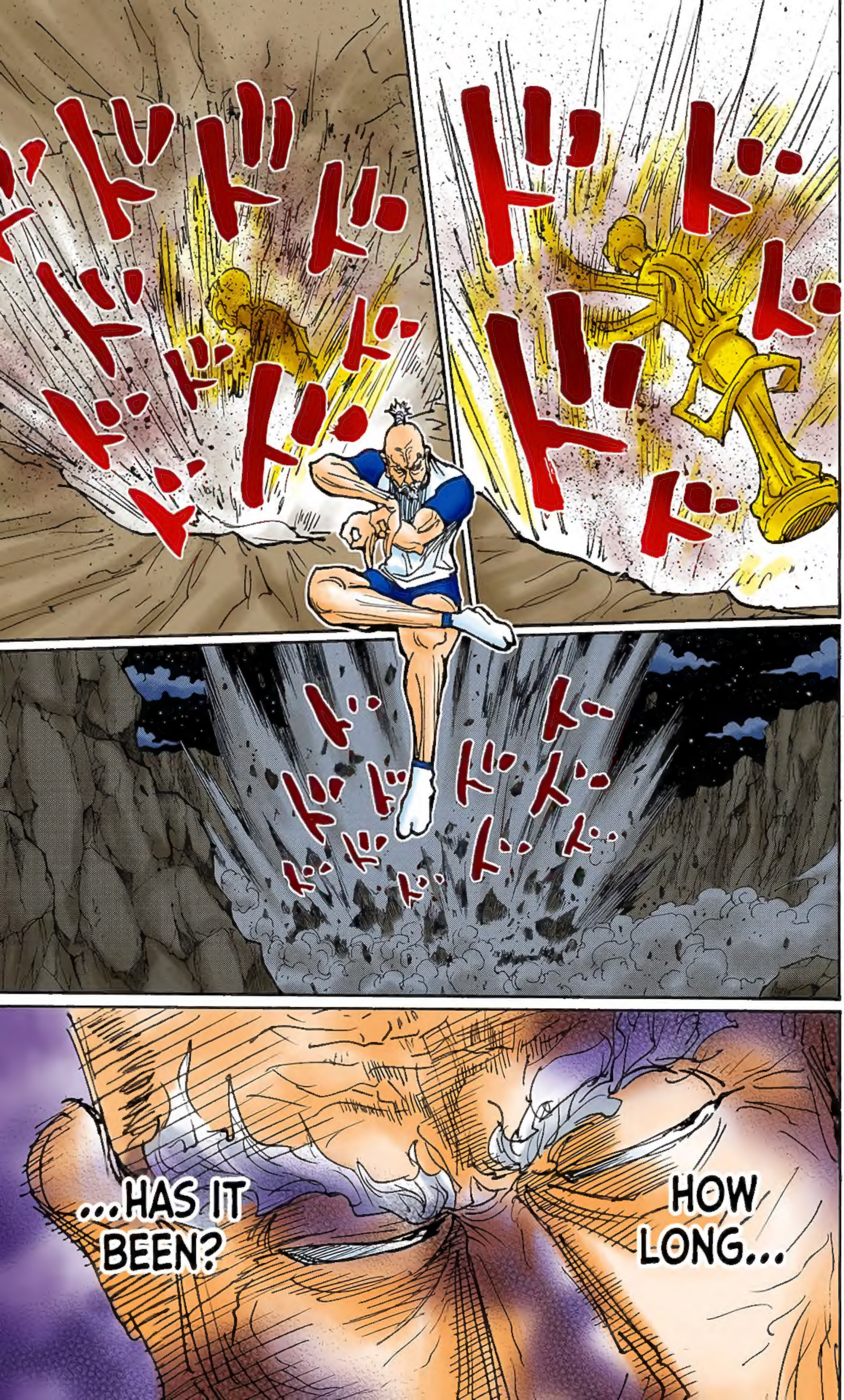
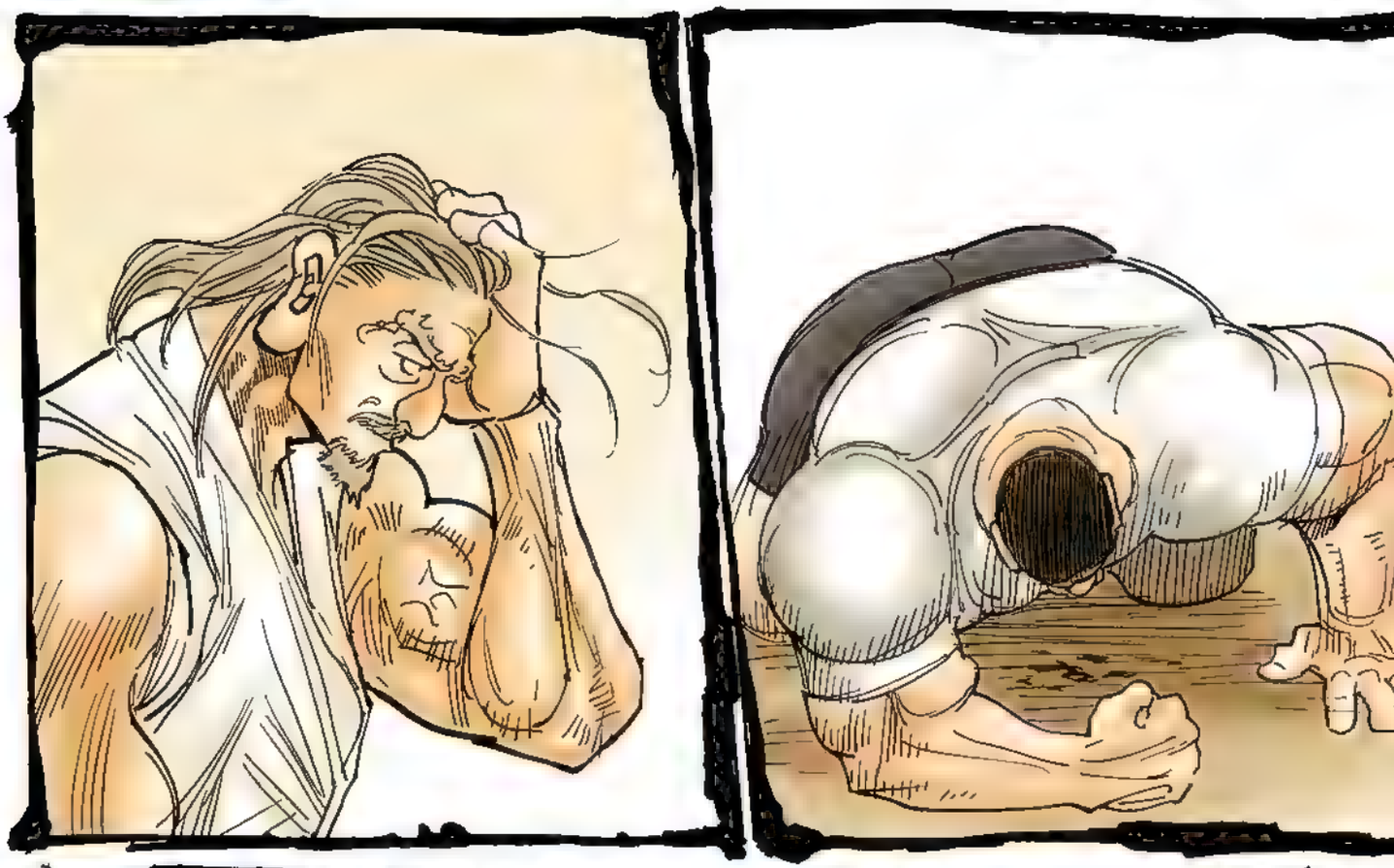
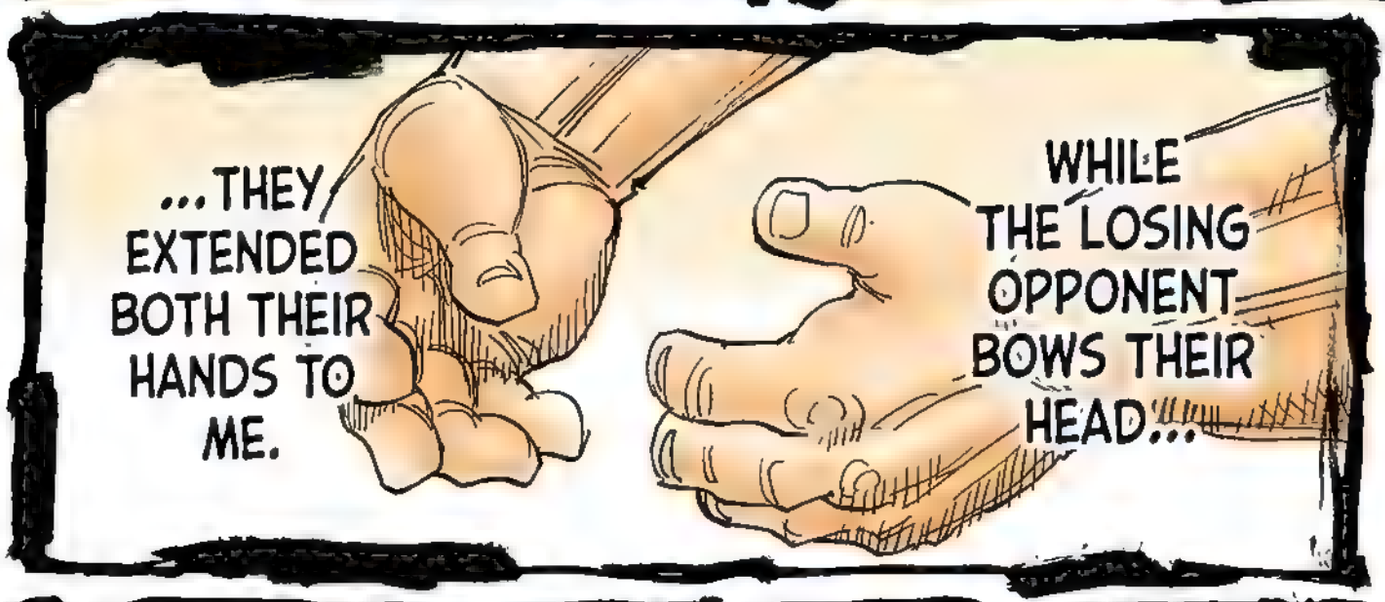
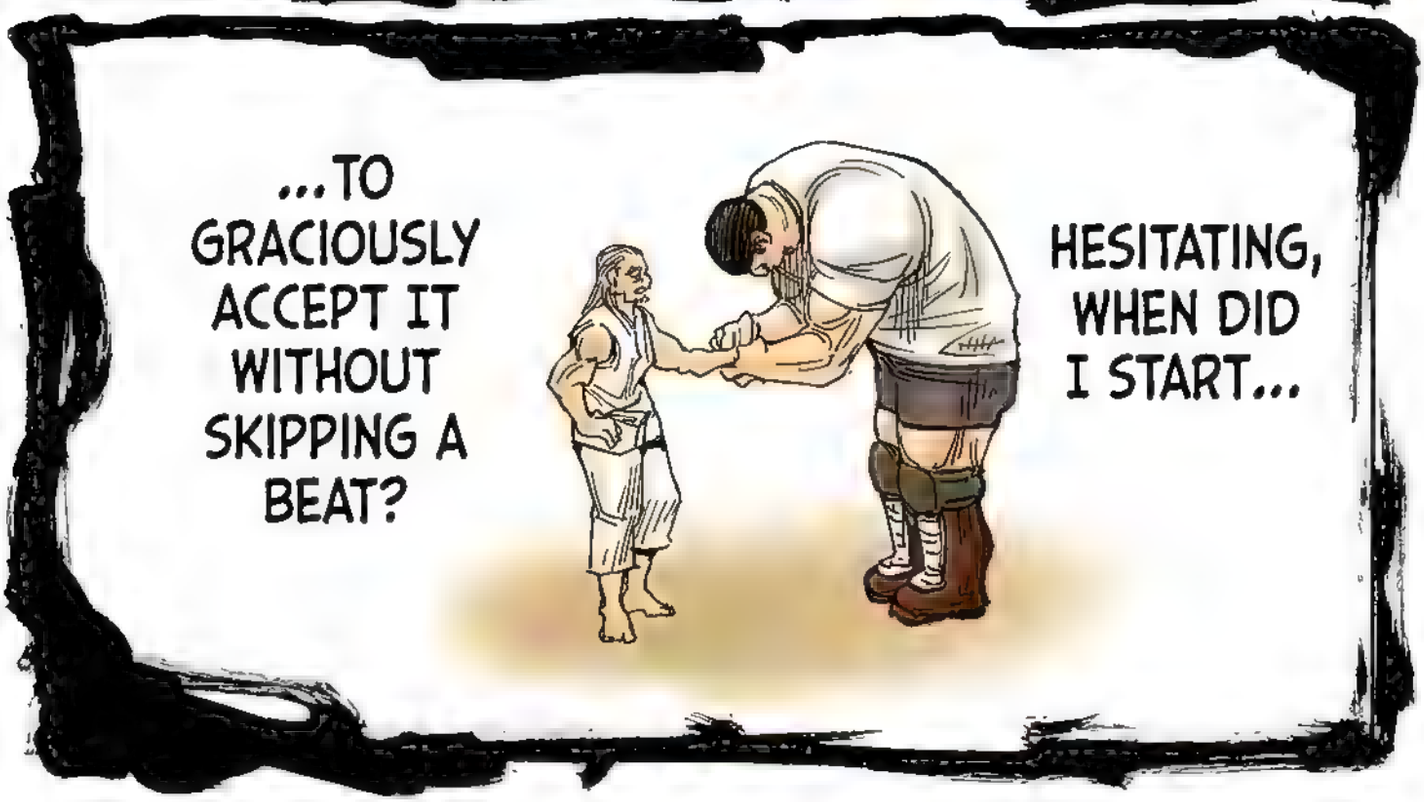

HOW LONG...
...HAS IT BEEN?




...THEY EXTENDED BOTH THEIR HANDS TO ME.
WHILE THE LOSING OPPONENT BOWS THEIR HEAD...


...TO GRACIOUSLY ACCEPT IT WITHOUT SKIPPING A BEAT?
HESITATING, WHEN DID I START...

THAT IS NOT HOW IT SHOULD IT!!
AS IF THAT'S WHAT I WANTED!
...THE PEAK OF PERFECT COMBAT.
FOR SO LONG, I'VE ALWAYS SEEKED...

...AND GIVING IT ALL WITH MY HEART AND SOUL!!
I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF BATTLING AN UNSTOPPABLE ADVERSARY...

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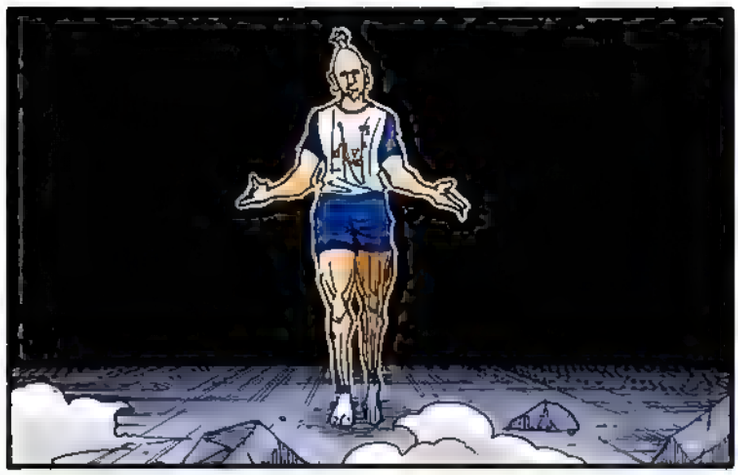
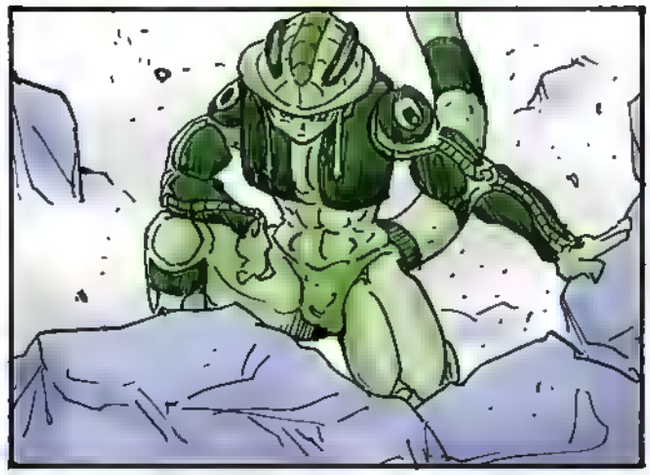
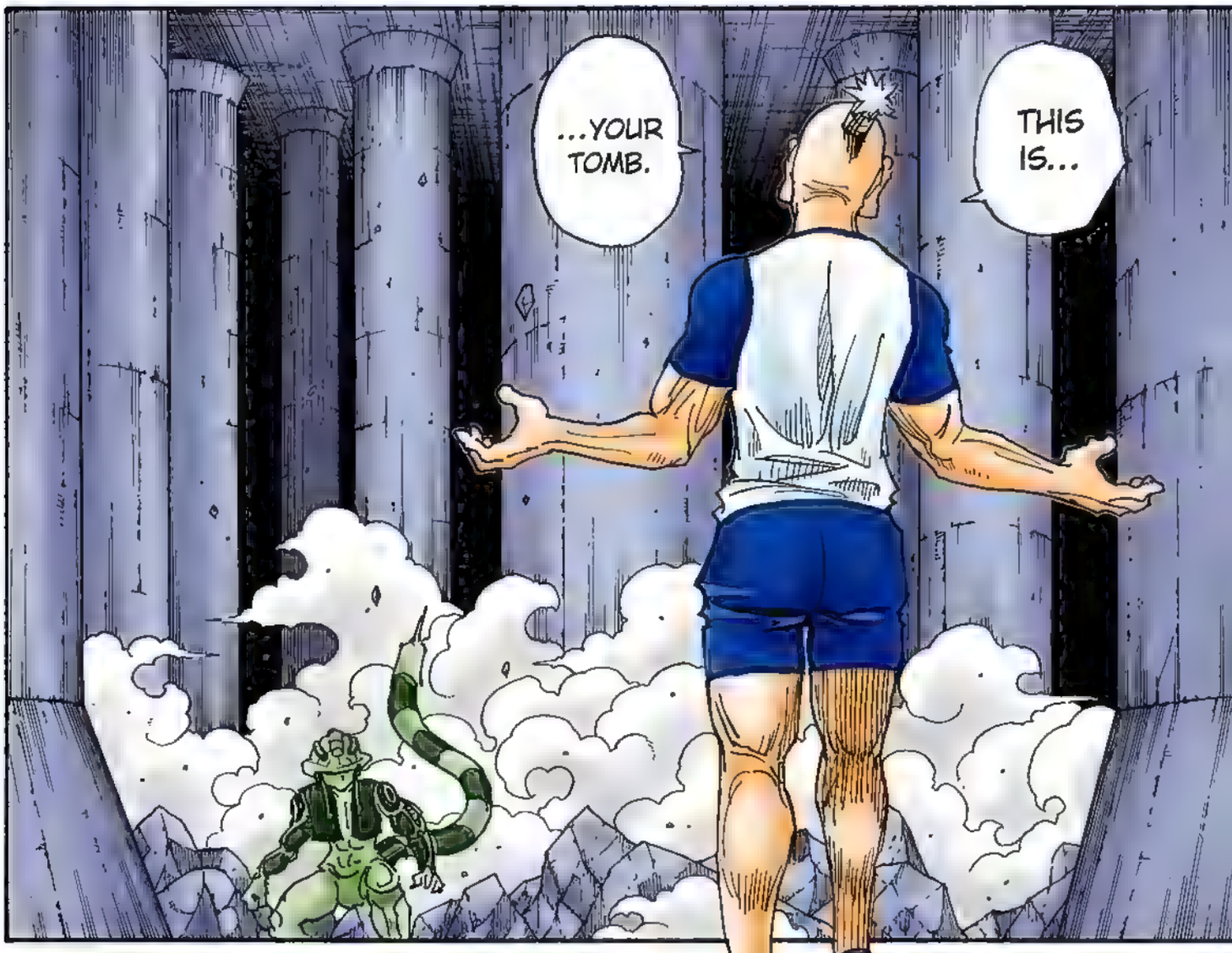
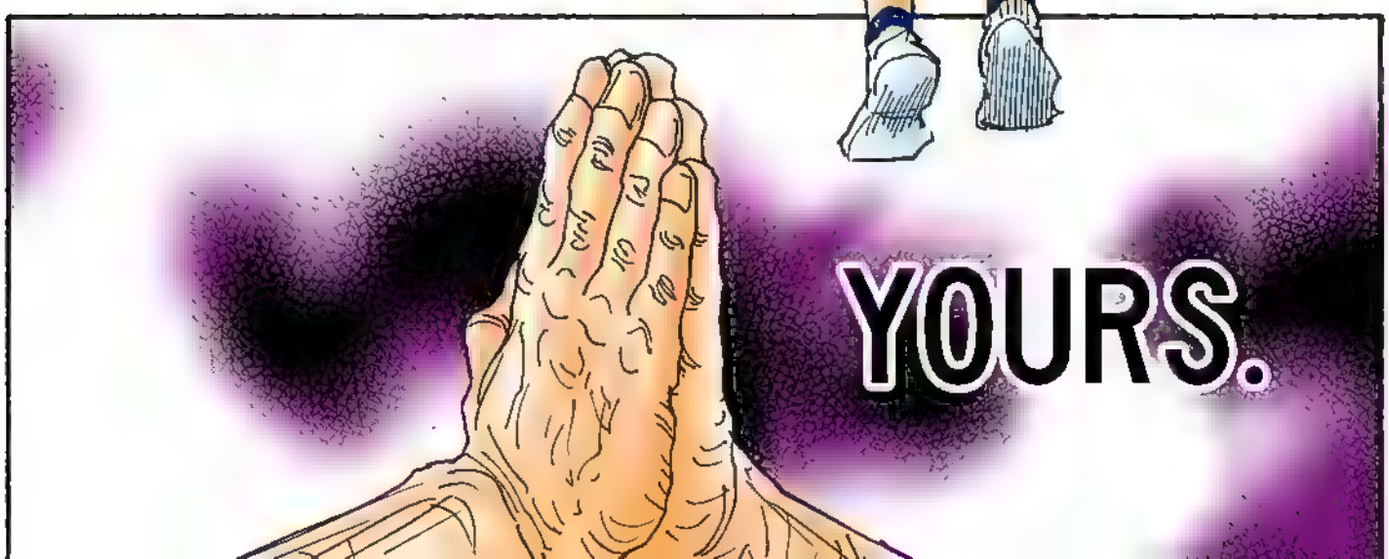





...YOUR TOMB.
THIS IS...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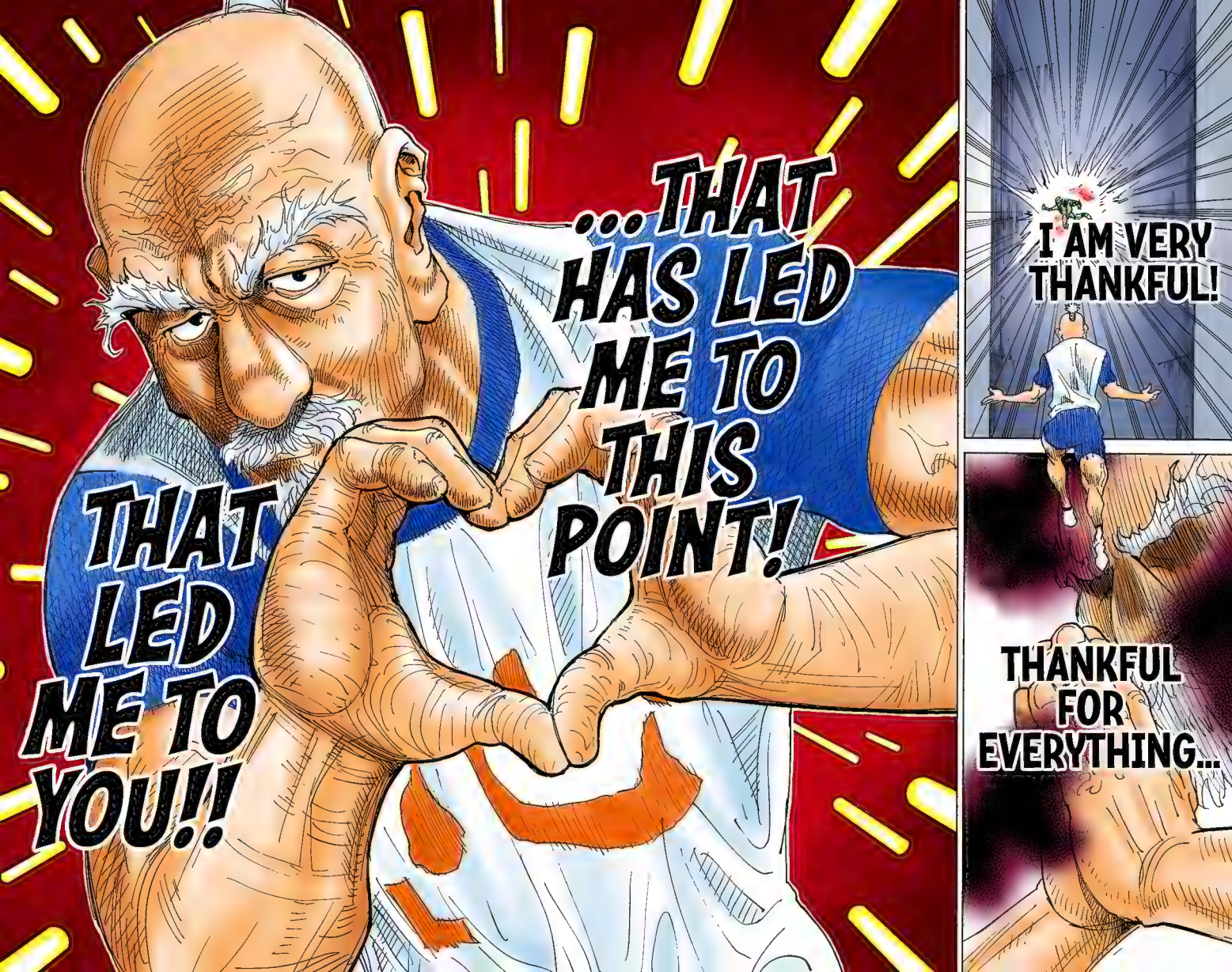
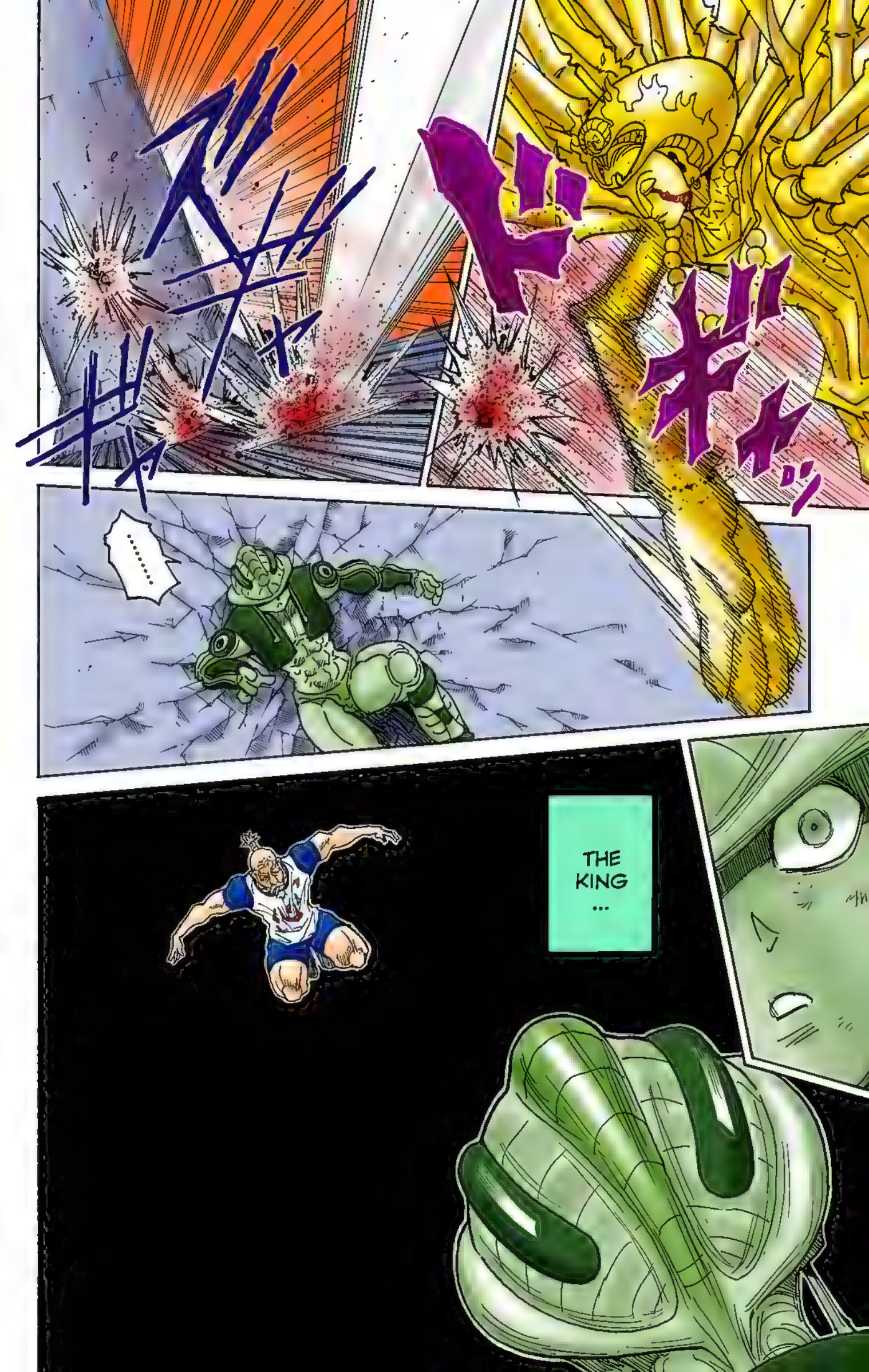

...THAT HAS LED ME TO THIS POINT!
THAT LED ME TO YOU!!
I AM VERY THANKFUL!
THANKFUL FOR EVERYTHING...

No.292◆HIDDEN AGENDA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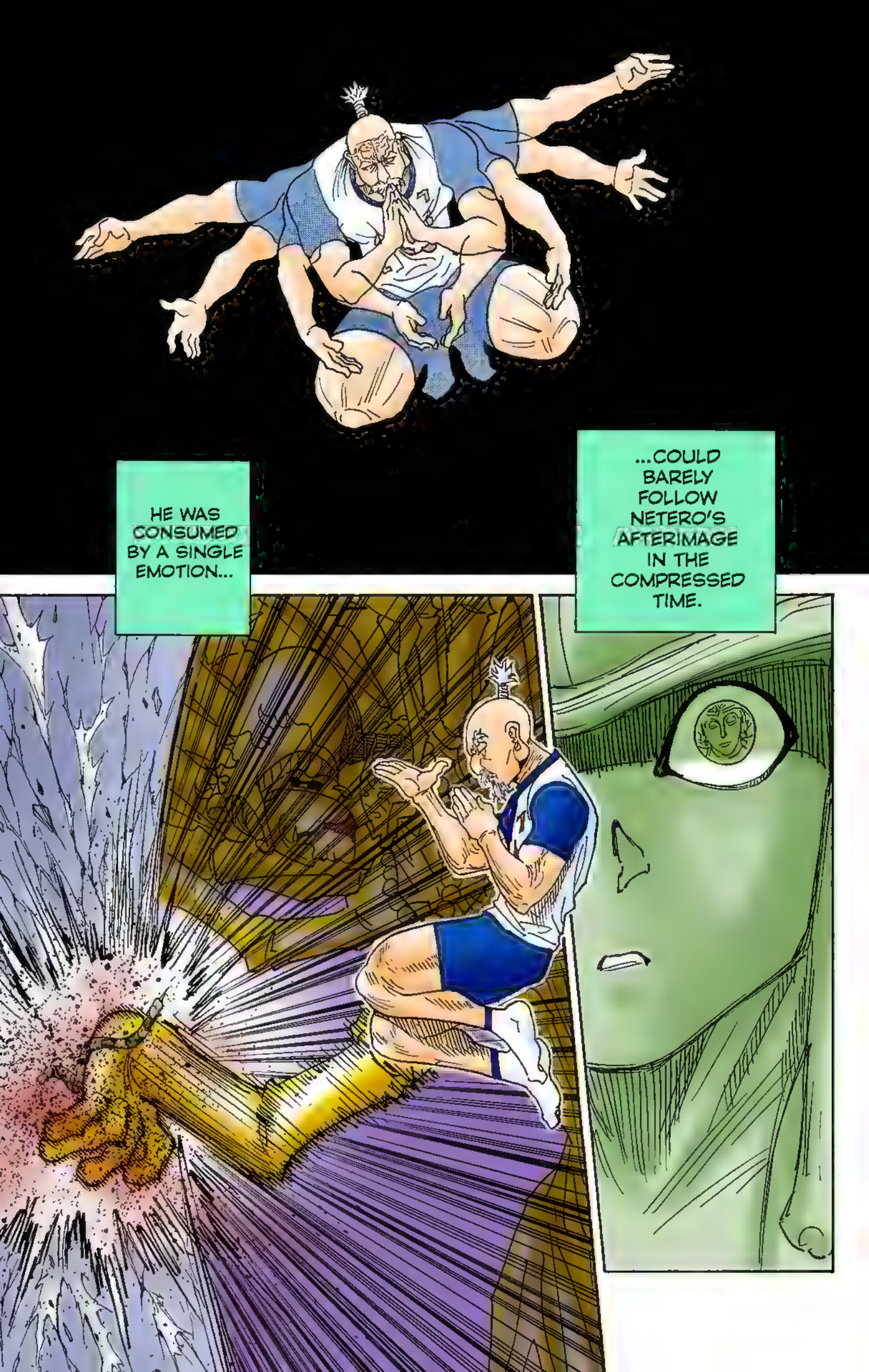
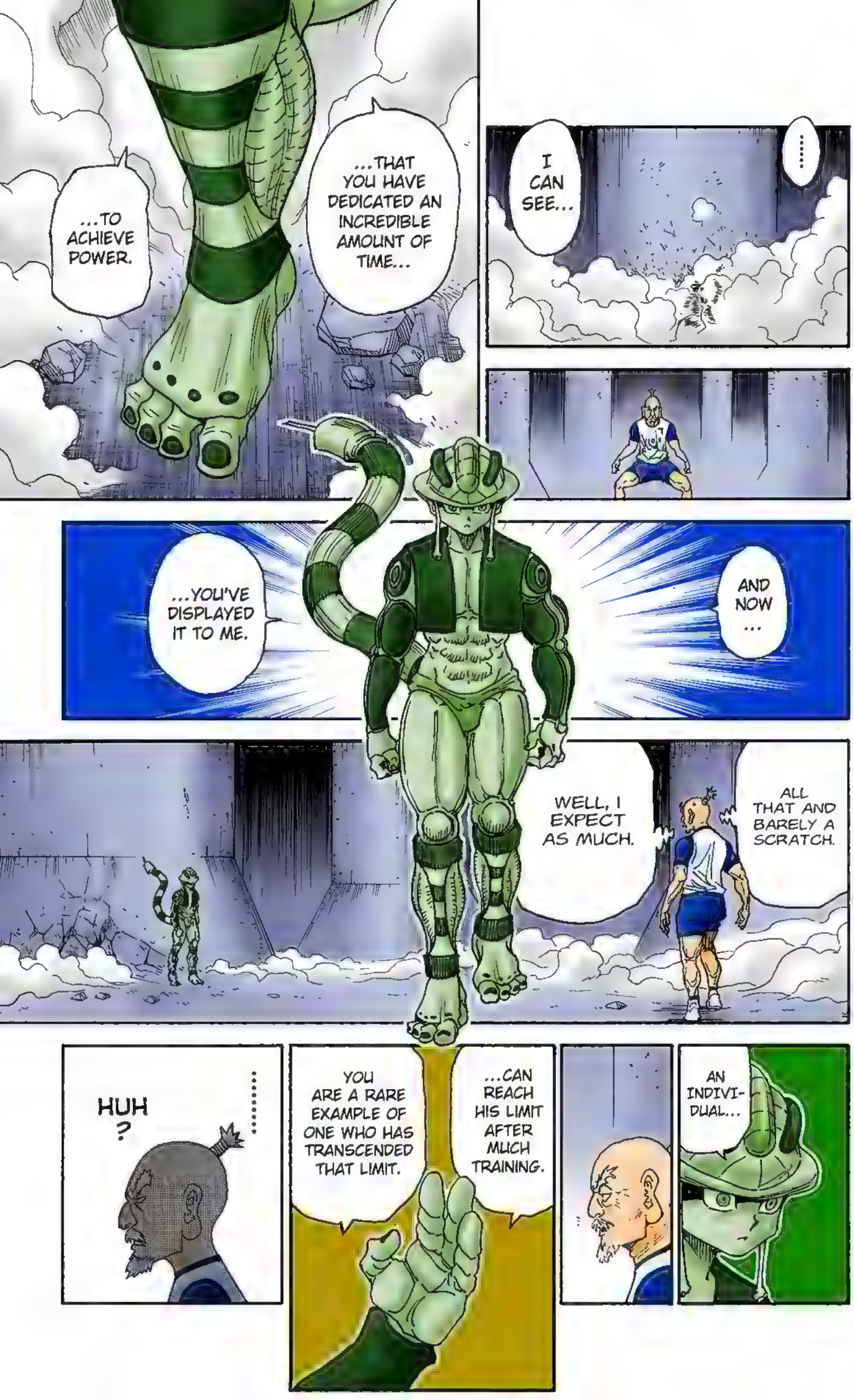
THE KING ...


HE WAS CONSUMED BY A SINGLE EMOTION...
...COULD BARELY FOLLOW NETERO'S AFTERIMAGE IN THE COMPRESSED TIME.

...FOR HIS ENEMY.
COMPLETE AND UTTER ADMIRATION...

HE BRINGS HIS HANDS TOGETHER TO START THE ATTACK.
THAT'S THE ONLY MOTION THAT SURPASSES MY SPEED.
THAT'S IT...
...BUT NOW, IT WORKS AS A WEAPON THAT MAY ALLOW HIM TO DEFEAT ME.
SUCH WASTEFUL MOVEMENT COULD COST ONE'S LIFE IN BATTLE...
...AKIN TO INSANITY.
HE MUST HAVE YIELDED TO AN EMOTION...
SUCH A LESSON CANNOT BE LEARNED LOGICALLY.
TRYING TO GUESS WHAT DROVE HIM TO DO THIS IS POINTLESS.
...PERHAPS 10 YEARS.
5 YEARS...

...DEVOTED HIMSELF WHOLLY TO THAT PURPOSE.
HE MUST'VE...


...TO ACHIEVE POWER.
...THAT YOU HAVE DEDICATED AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF TIME...
I CAN SEE...
.....
...YOU'VE DISPLAYED IT TO ME.
AND NOW ...
WELL, I EXPECT AS MUCH.
ALL THAT AND BARELY A SCRATCH.
HUH ?
.....
YOU ARE A RARE EXAMPLE OF ONE WHO HAS TRANSCENDED THAT LIMIT.
...CAN REACH HIS LIMIT AFTER MUCH TRAINING.
AN INDIVI-DUAL...

SHOULD NOT TALK DOWN...
...TO HUMANS !!
AN INSECT...
BRAVO.
I COMMEND YOUR EFFORTS.

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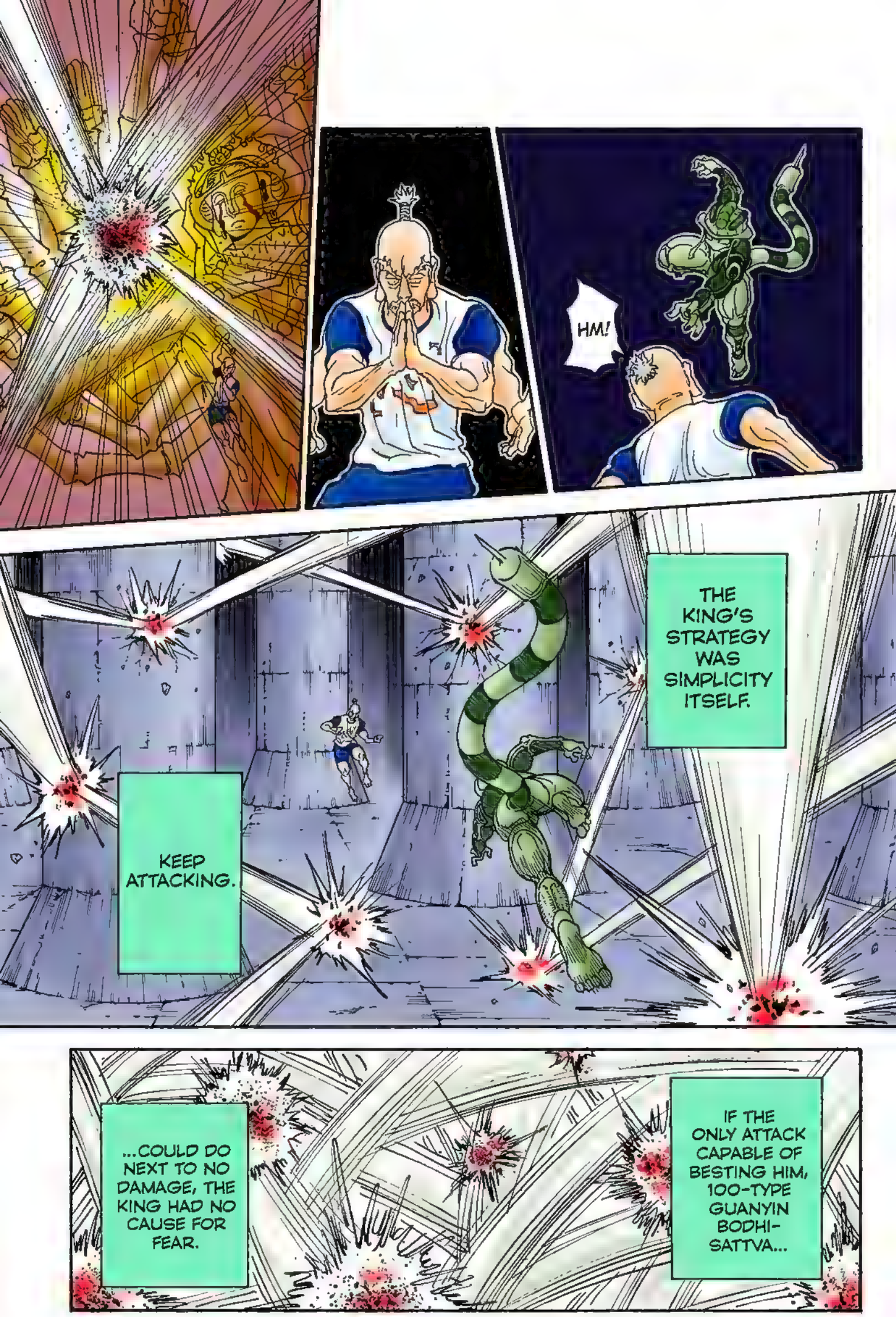
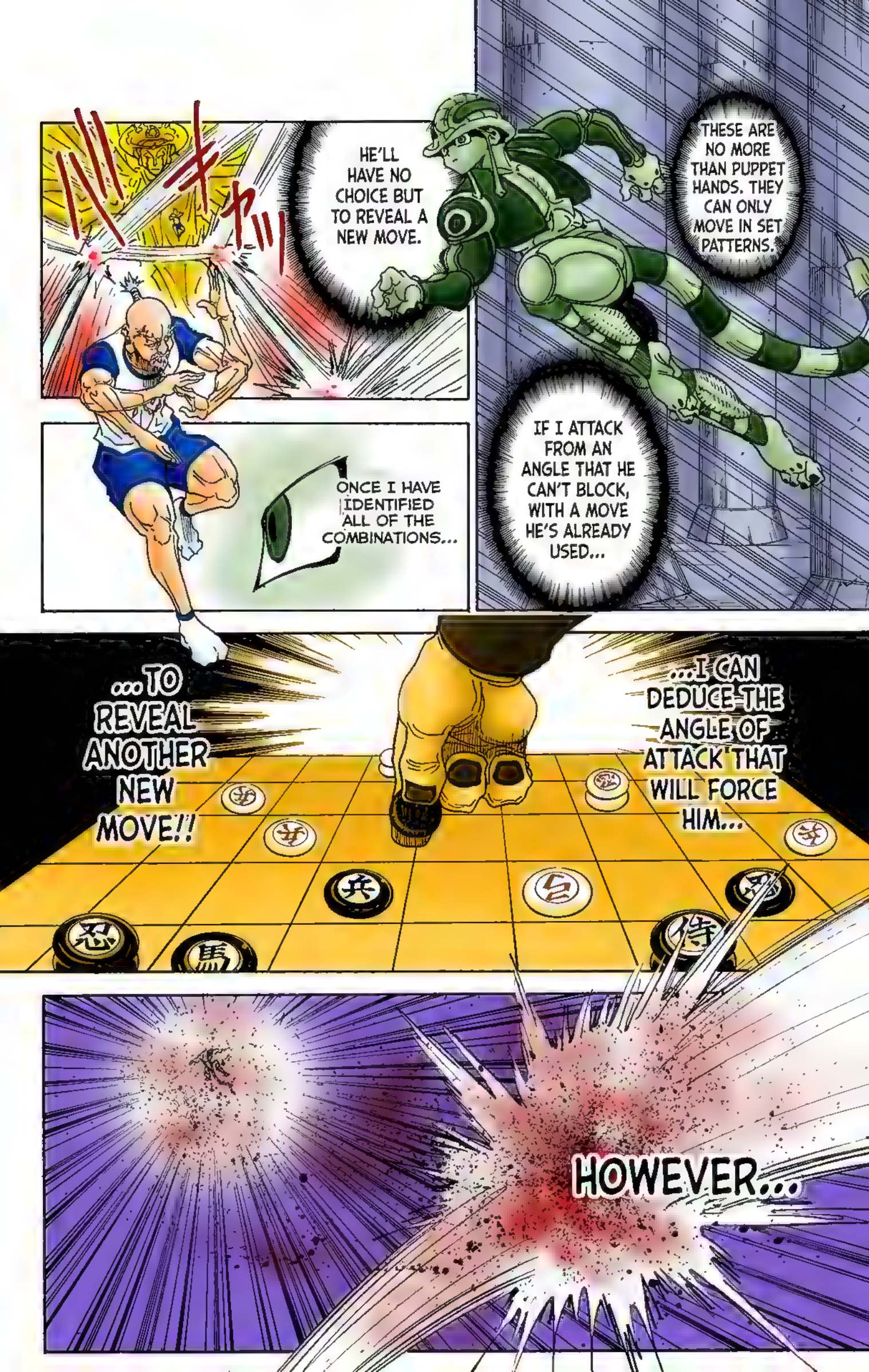
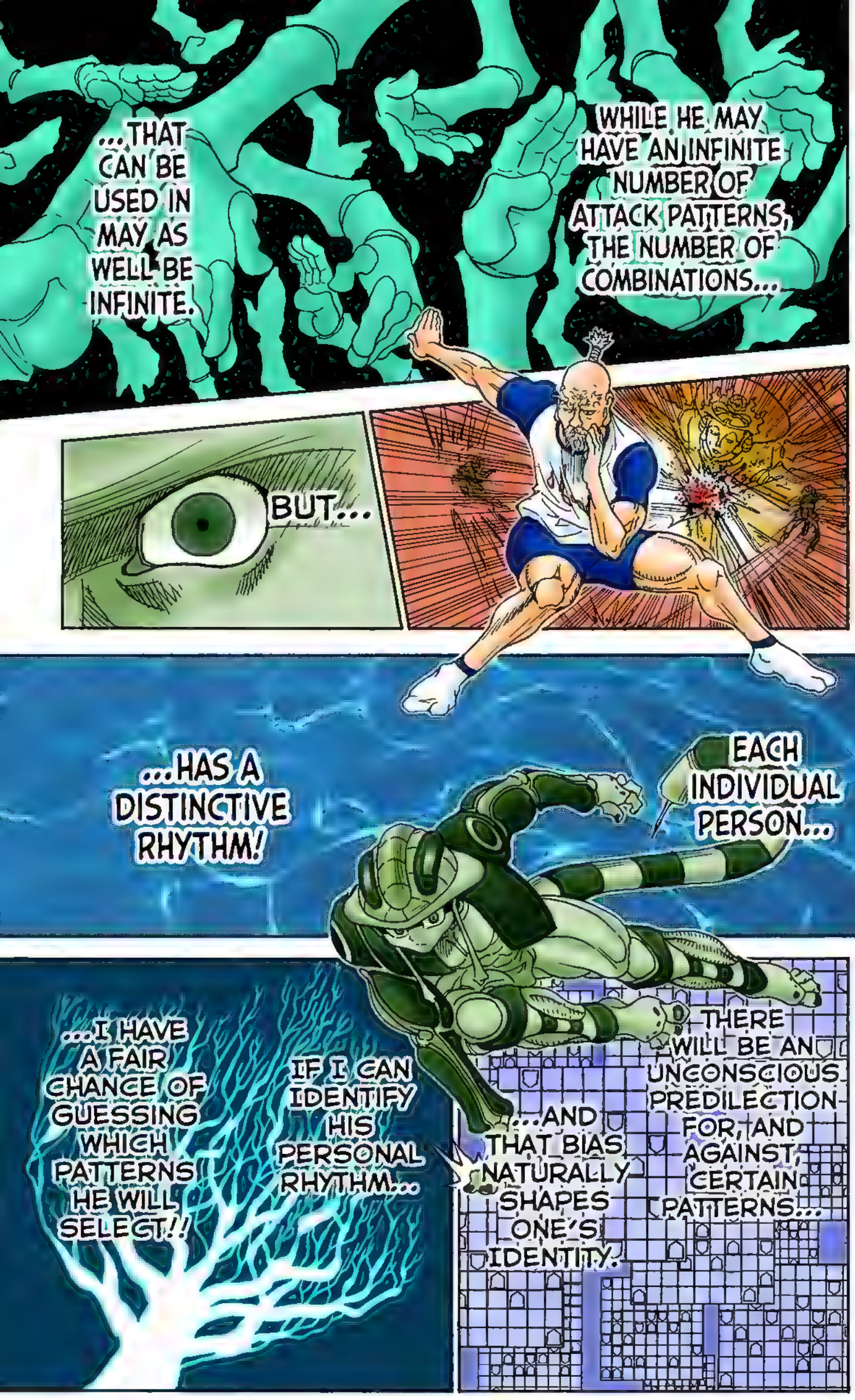
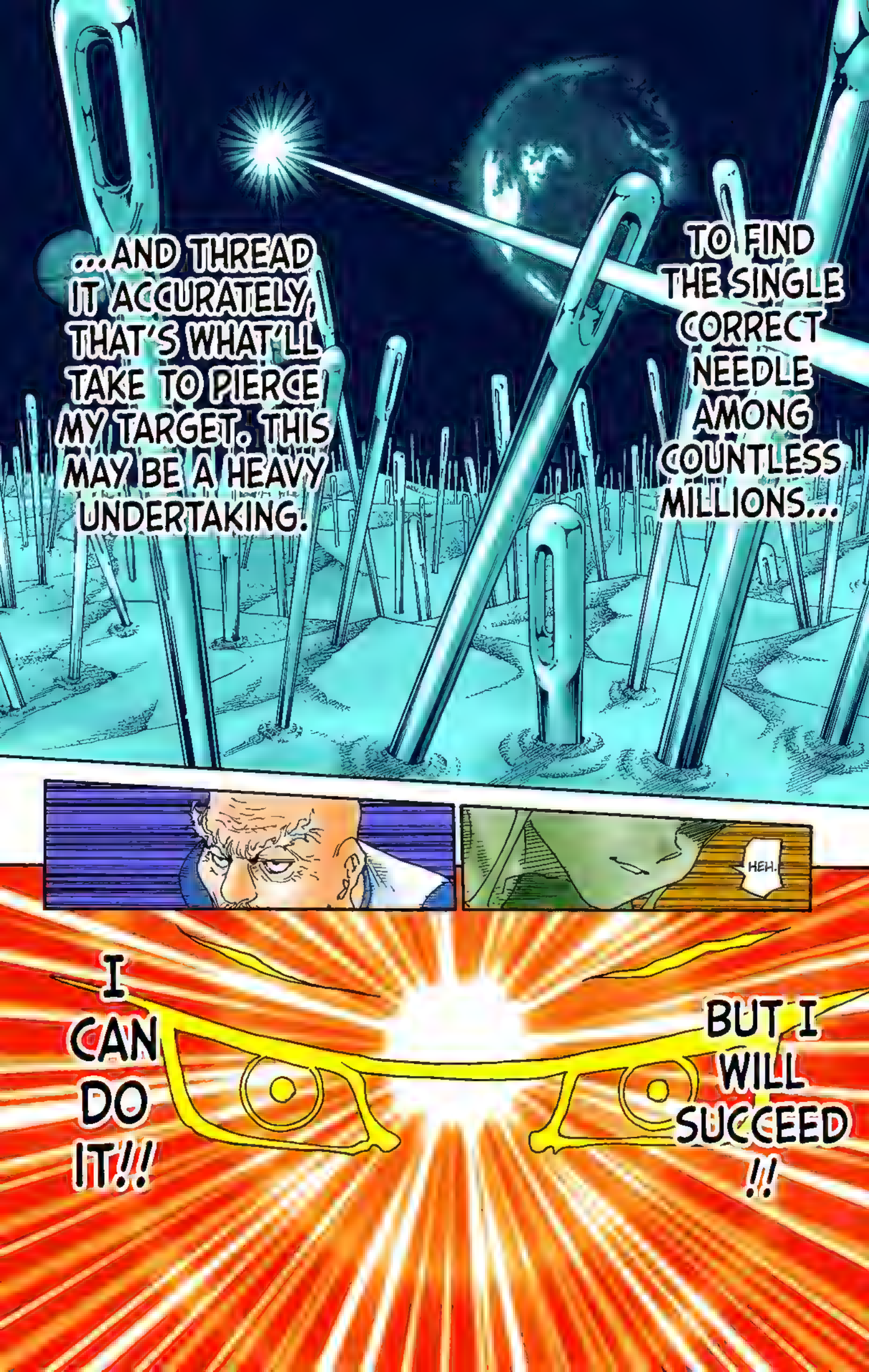
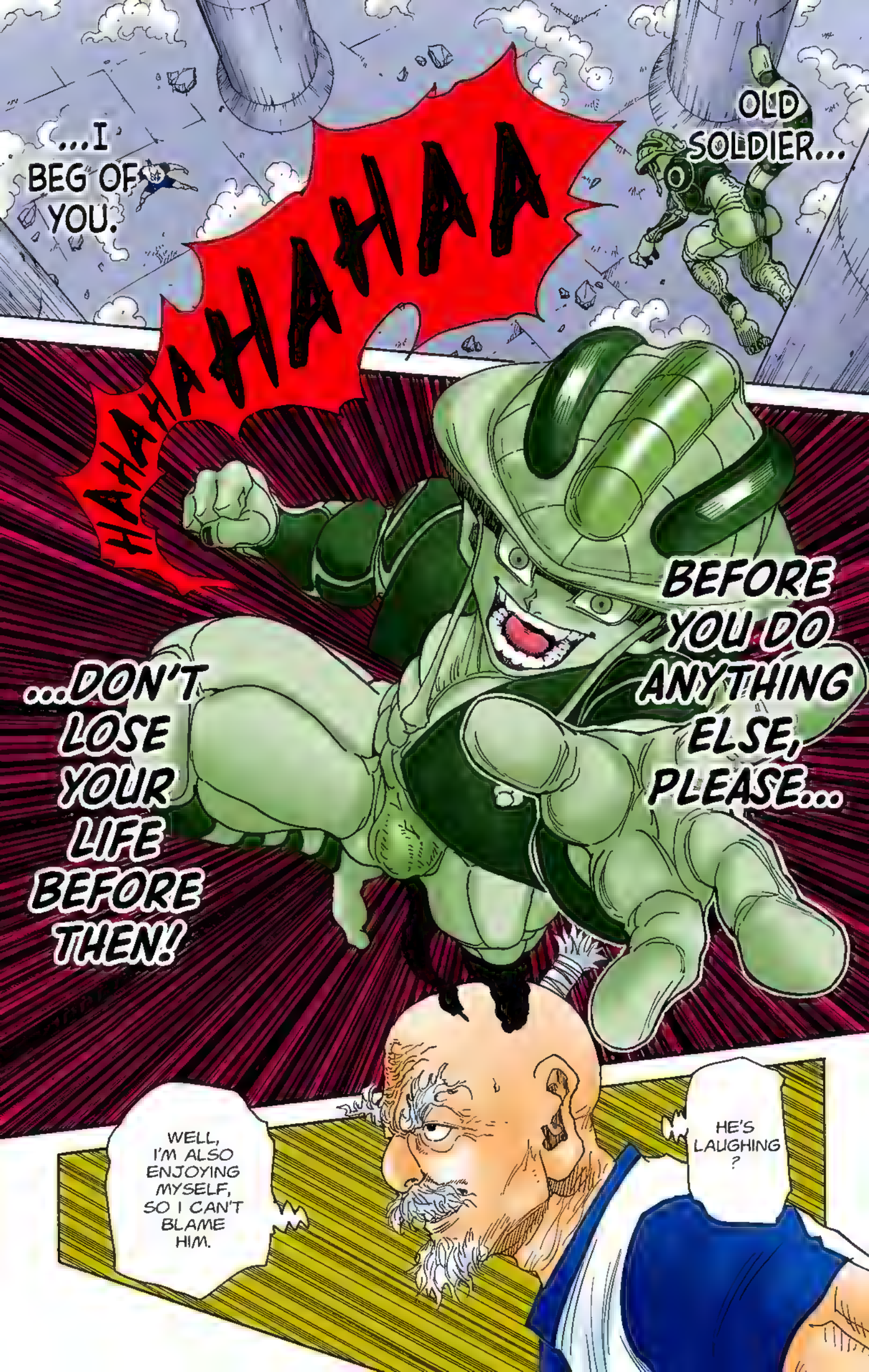
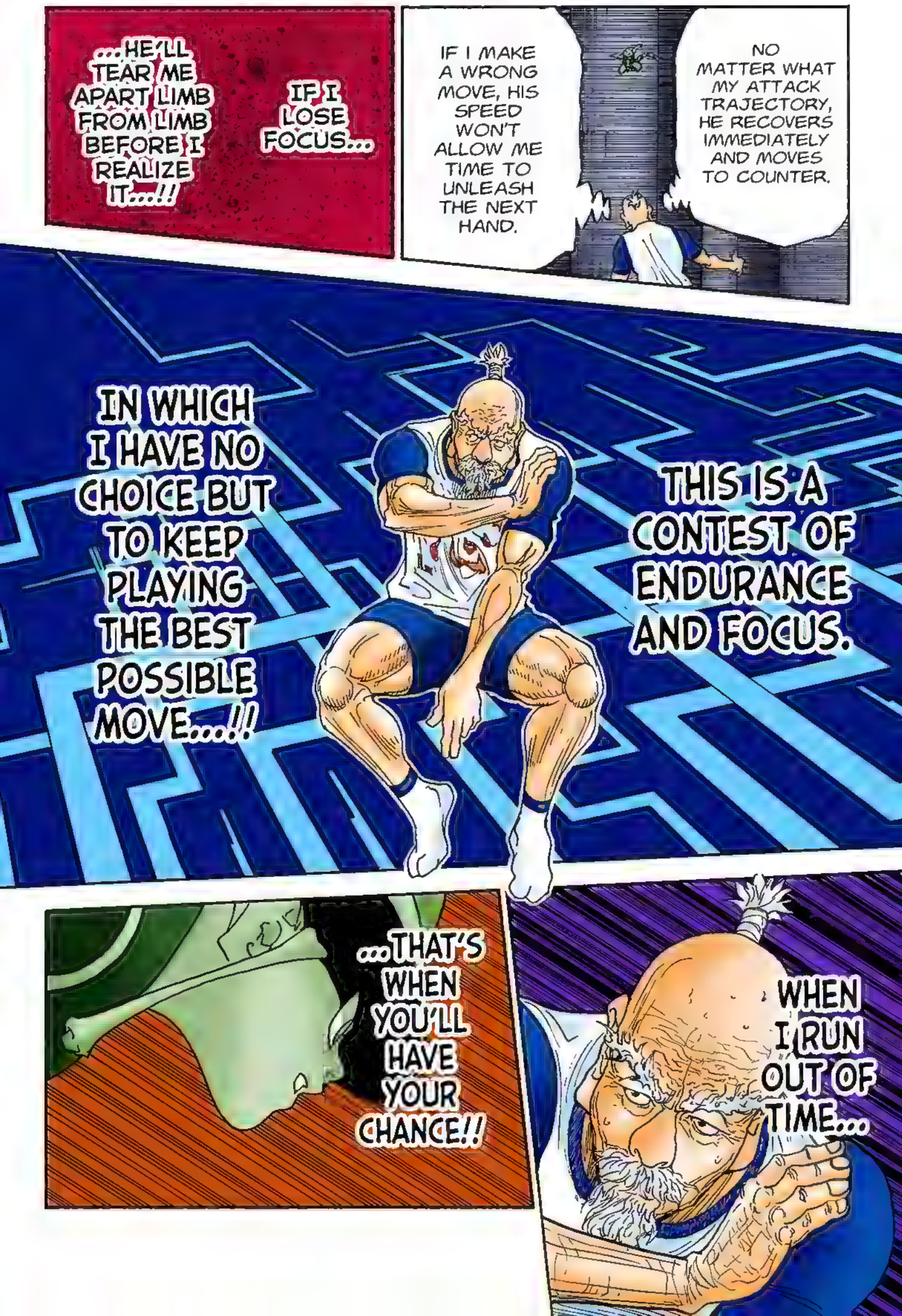

HM!
THE KING'S STRATEGY WAS SIMPLICITY ITSELF.
KEEP ATTACKING.
...COULD DO NEXT TO NO DAMAGE, THE KING HAD NO CAUSE FOR FEAR.
IF THE ONLY ATTACK CAPABLE OF BESTING HIM, 100-TYPE GUANYIN BODHI-SATTVA...


HE'LL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO REVEAL A NEW MOVE.
THESE ARE NO MORE THAN PUPPET HANDS. THEY CAN ONLY MOVE IN SET PATTERNS.
ONCE I HAVE IDENTIFIED ALL OF THE COMBINATIONS...
IF I ATTACK FROM AN ANGLE THAT HE CAN'T BLOCK, WITH A MOVE HE'S ALREADY USED...
...TO REVEAL ANOTHER NEW MOVE!!
...I CAN DEDUCE THE ANGLE OF ATTACK THAT WILL FORCE HIM...
HOWEVER...


...THAT CAN BE USED IN MAY AS WELL BE INFINITE.
WHILE HE MAY HAVE AN INFINITE NUMBER OF ATTACK PATTERNS, THE NUMBER OF COMBINATIONS...
BUT...
...HAS A DISTINCTIVE RHYTHM!
EACH INDIVIDUAL PERSON...
...I HAVE A FAIR CHANCE OF GUESSING WHICH PATTERNS HE WILL SELECT!!
IF I CAN IDENTIFY HIS PERSONAL RHYTHM...
...AND THAT BIAS NATURALLY SHAPES ONE'S IDENTITY.
THERE WILL BE AN UNCONSCIOUS PREDILECTION FOR, AND AGAINST, CERTAIN PATTERNS...


...AND THREAD IT ACCURATELY, THAT'S WHAT'LL TAKE TO PIERCE MY TARGET. THIS MAY BE A HEAVY UNDERTAKING.
TO FIND THE SINGLE CORRECT NEEDLE AMONG COUNTLESS MILLIONS...
HEH.
I CAN DO IT!!!
BUT I WILL SUCCEED !!


...I BEG OF YOU.
OLD SOLDIER...
HAHAHAHAA
BEFORE YOU DO ANYTHING ELSE, PLEASE...
...DON'T LOSE YOUR LIFE BEFORE THEN!
WELL, I'M ALSO ENJOYING MYSELF, SO I CAN'T BLAME HIM.
HE'S LAUGHING ?


...HE'LL TEAR ME APART LIMB FROM LIMB BEFORE I REALIZE IT...!!
IF I LOSE FOCUS...
IF I MAKE A WRONG MOVE, HIS SPEED WON'T ALLOW ME TIME TO UNLEASH THE NEXT HAND.
NO MATTER WHAT MY ATTACK TRAJECTORY, HE RECOVERS IMMEDIATELY AND MOVES TO COUNTER.
IN WHICH I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO KEEP PLAYING THE BEST POSSIBLE MOVE...!!
THIS IS A CONTEST OF ENDURANCE AND FOCUS.
...THAT'S WHEN YOU'LL HAVE YOUR CHANCE!!
WHEN I RUN OUT OF TIME...

KING OF ANTS!

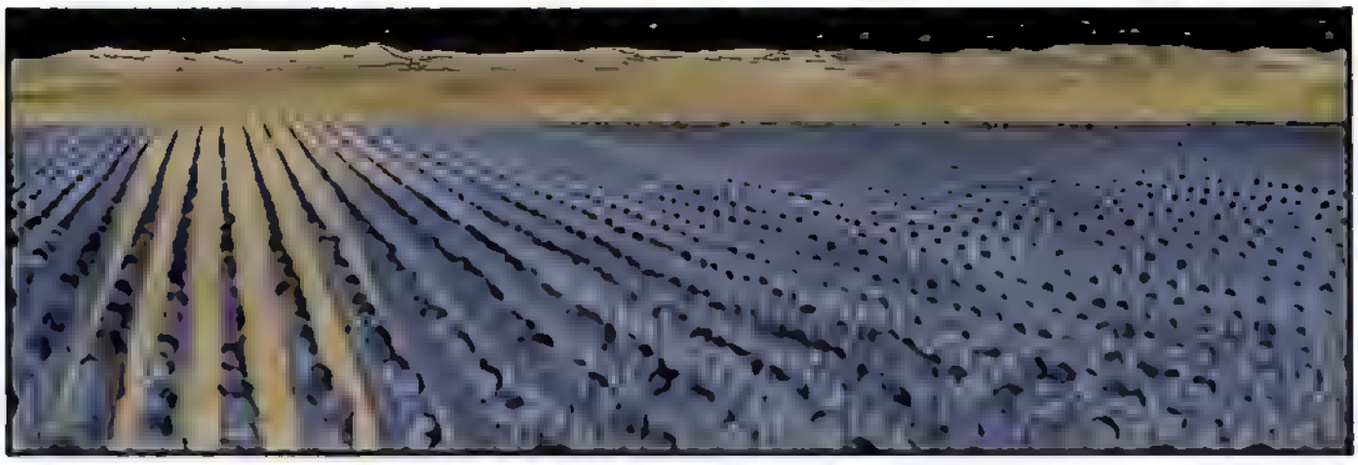
IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE THINKING...?

GO AHEAD AND TRY.

CHECKMATE ME.

...THE ZERO HAND.

I'LL SHOW YOU...



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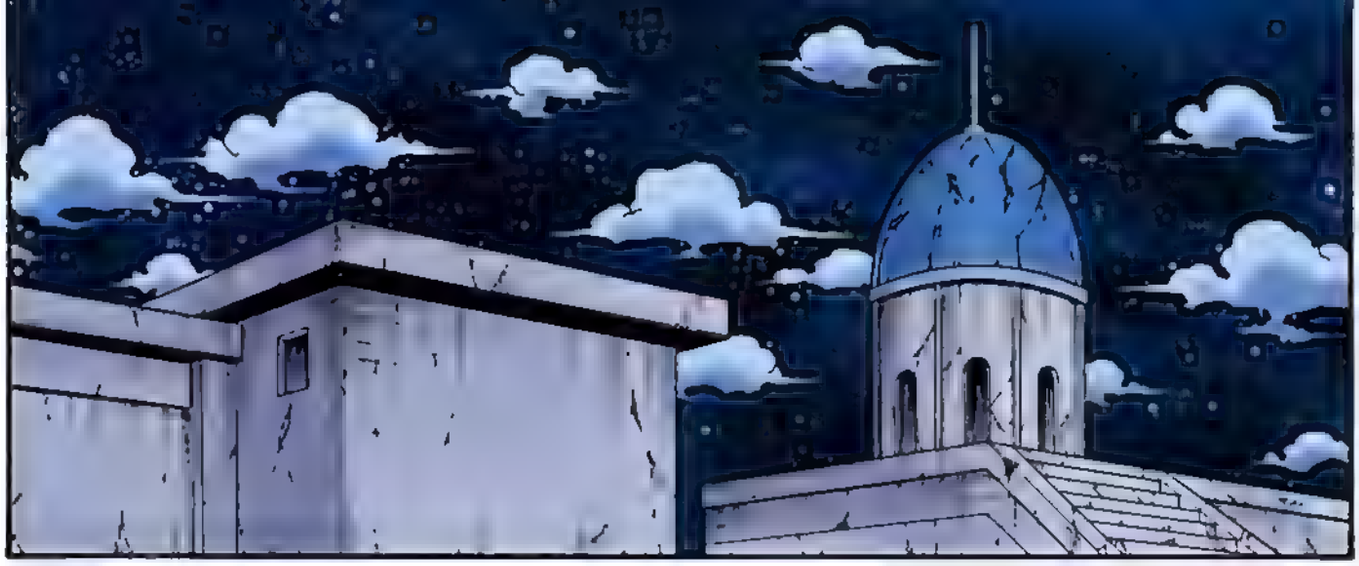
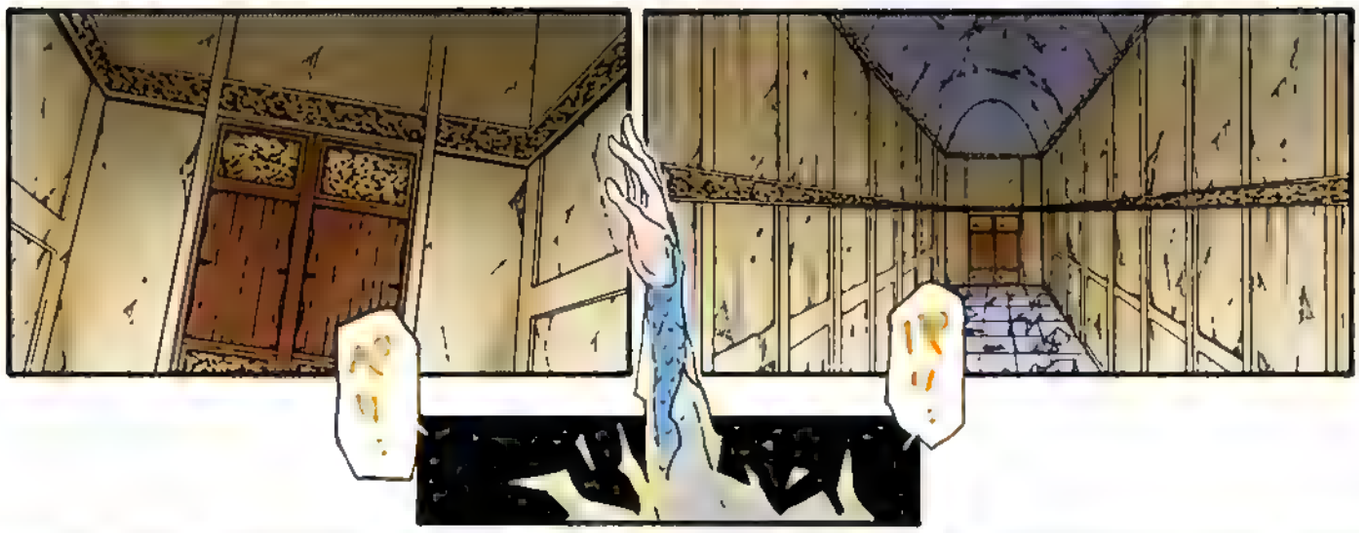
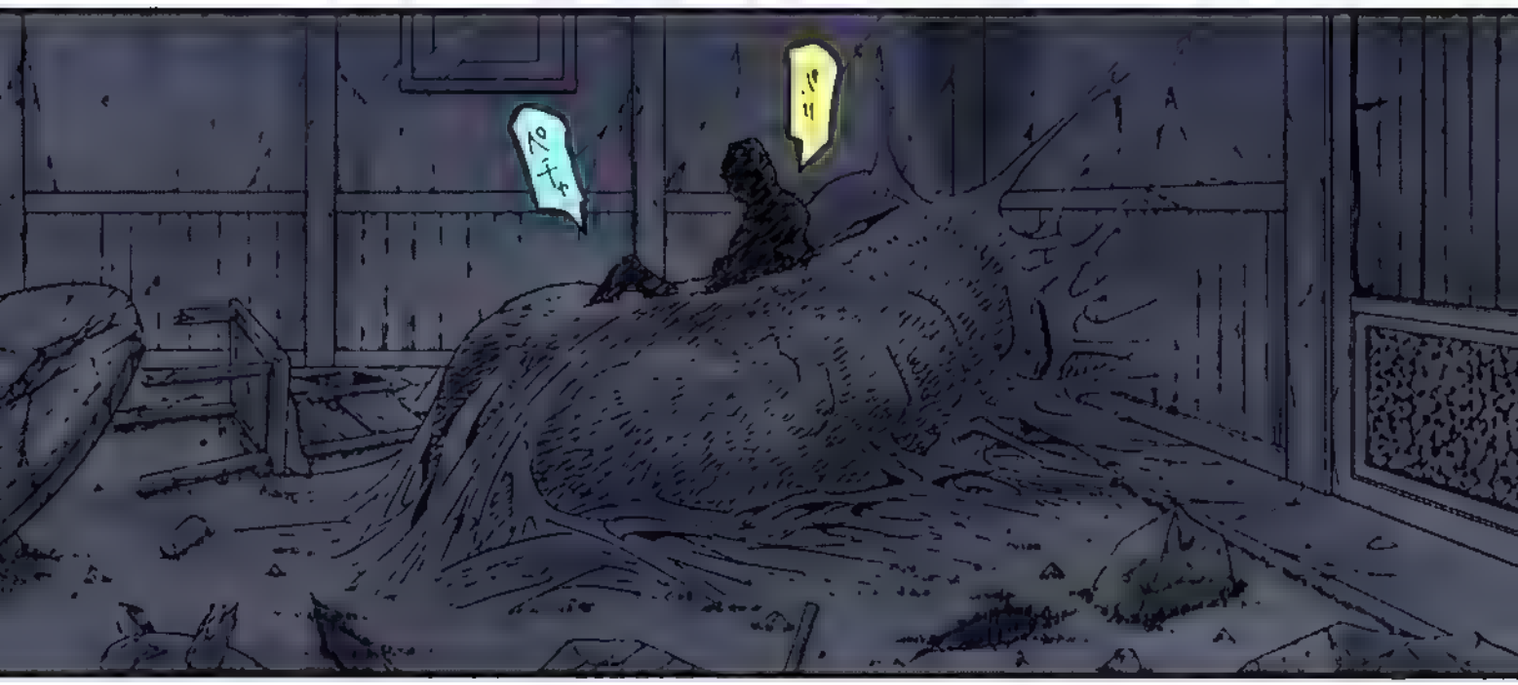
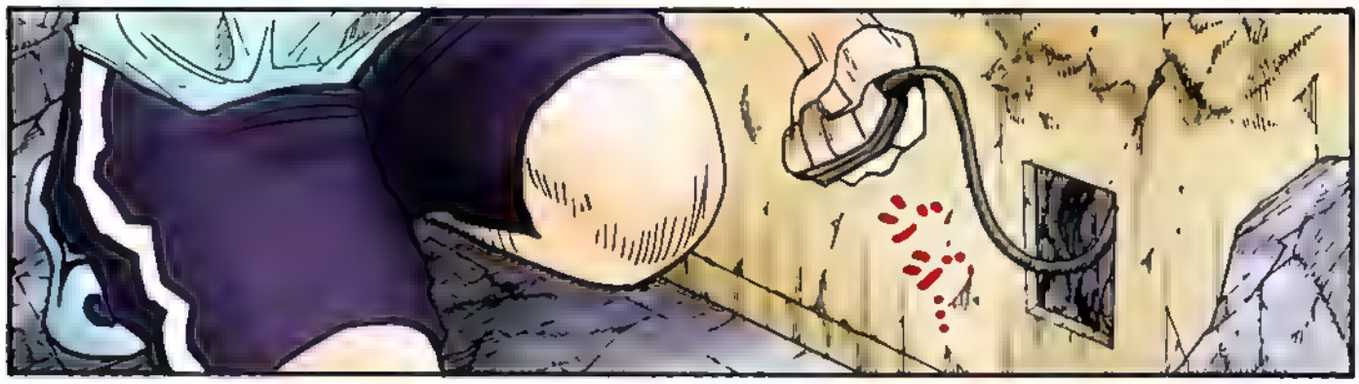
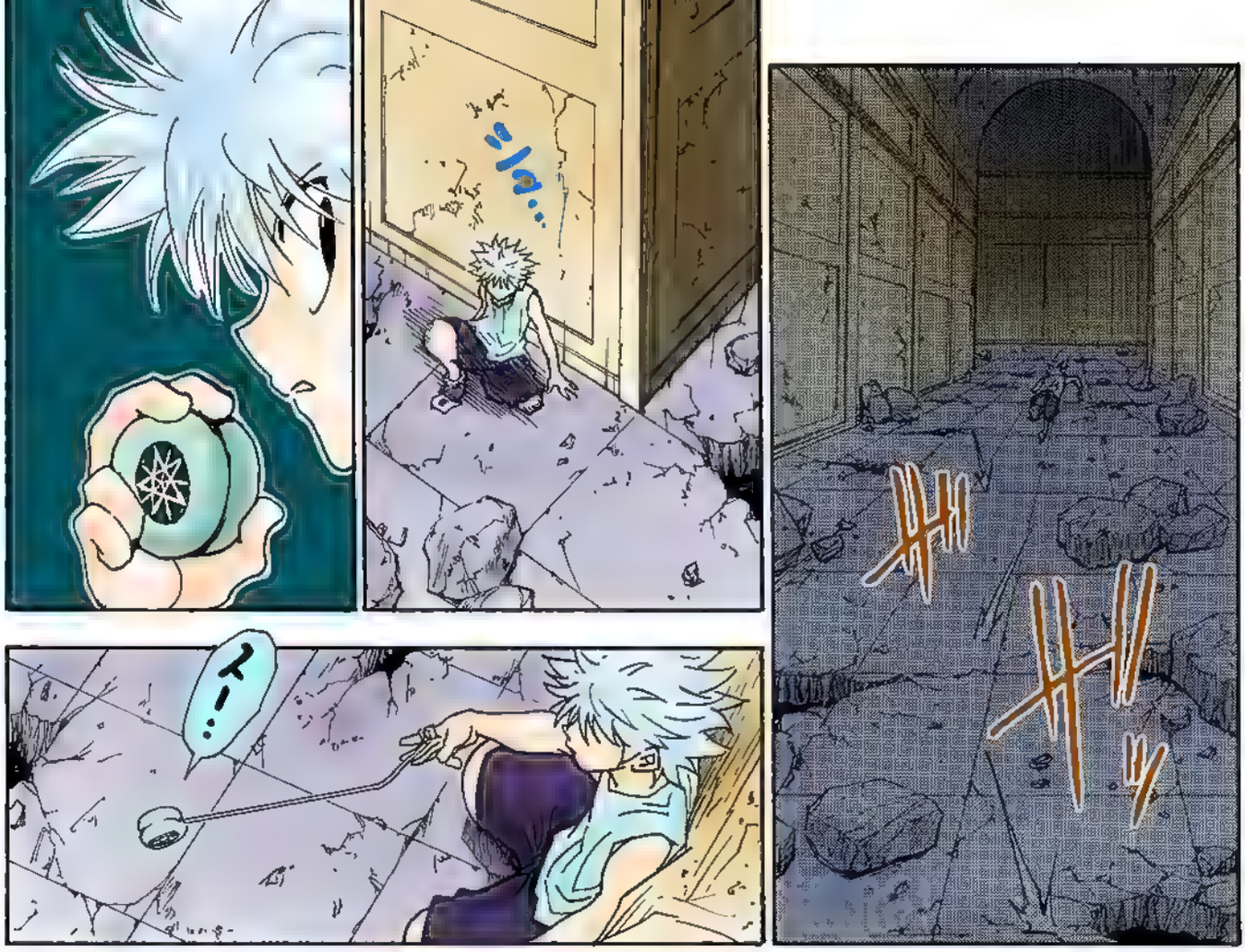








OKAY, I'M ALL CHARGED UP.
...I KNOW THIS PERSON...!!
I THINK...
AND...
SOMEONE'S WATCHING ME...!!!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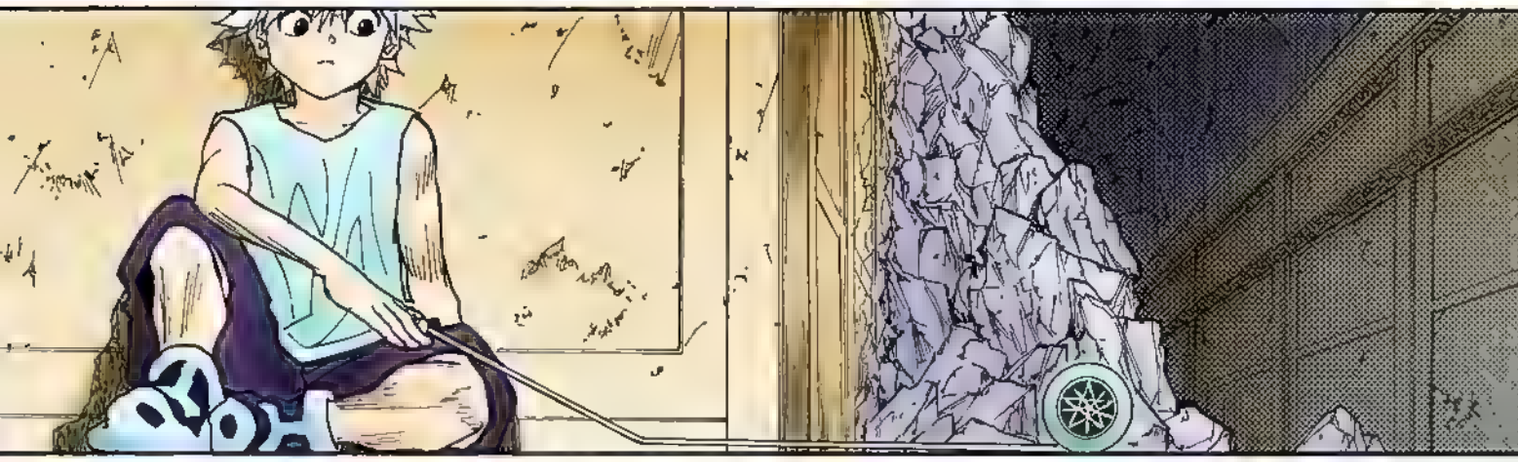

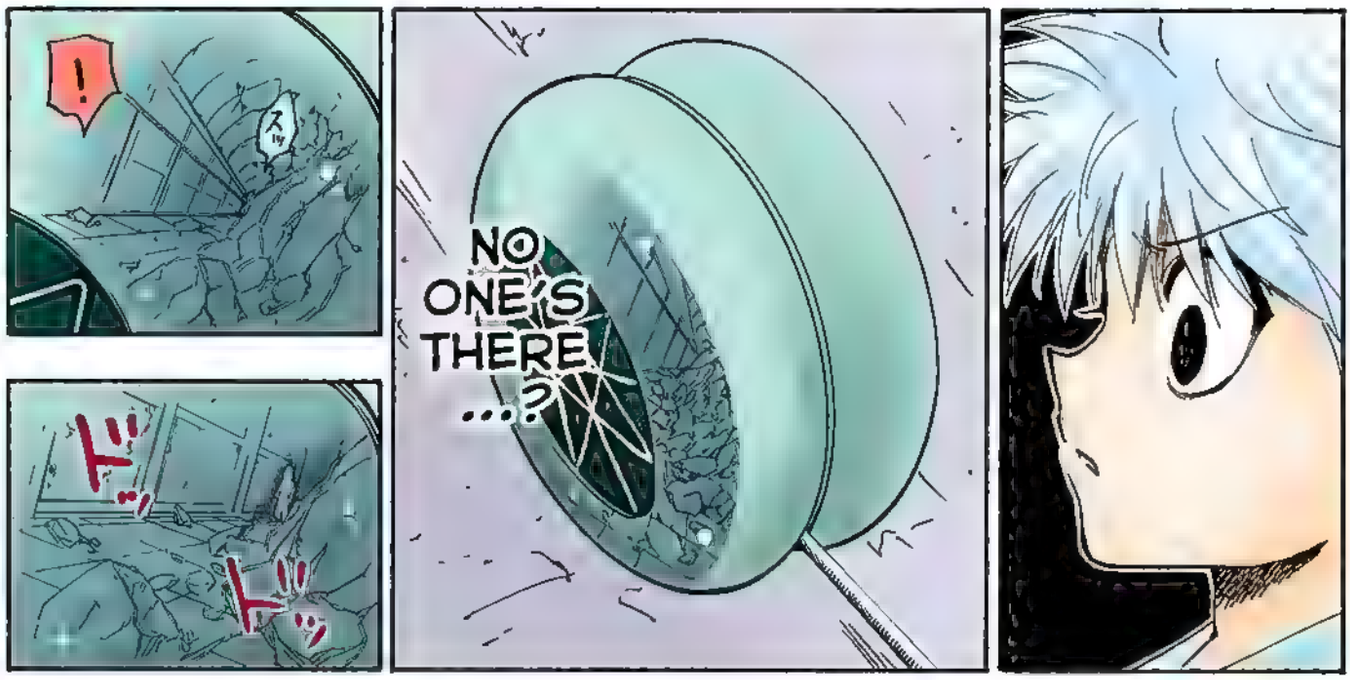
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NO ONE'S THERE ...?

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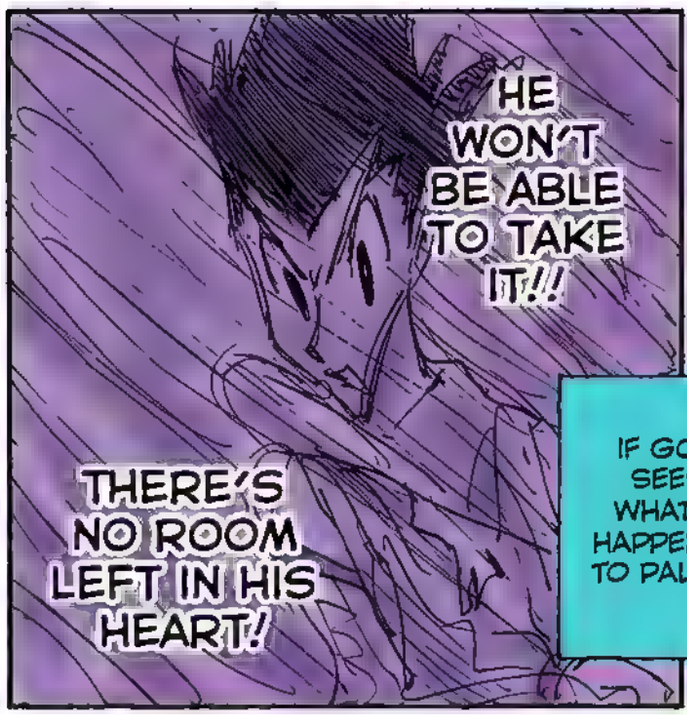
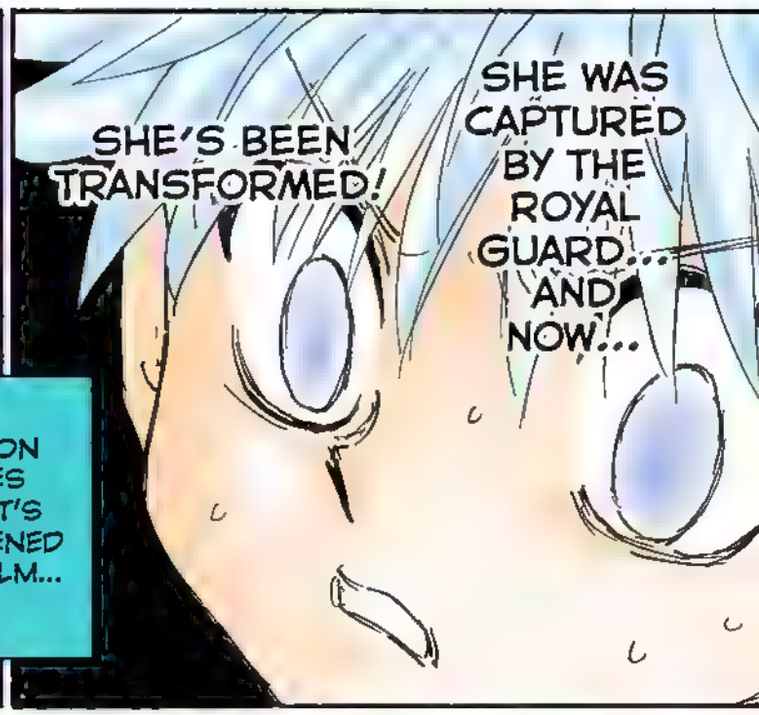
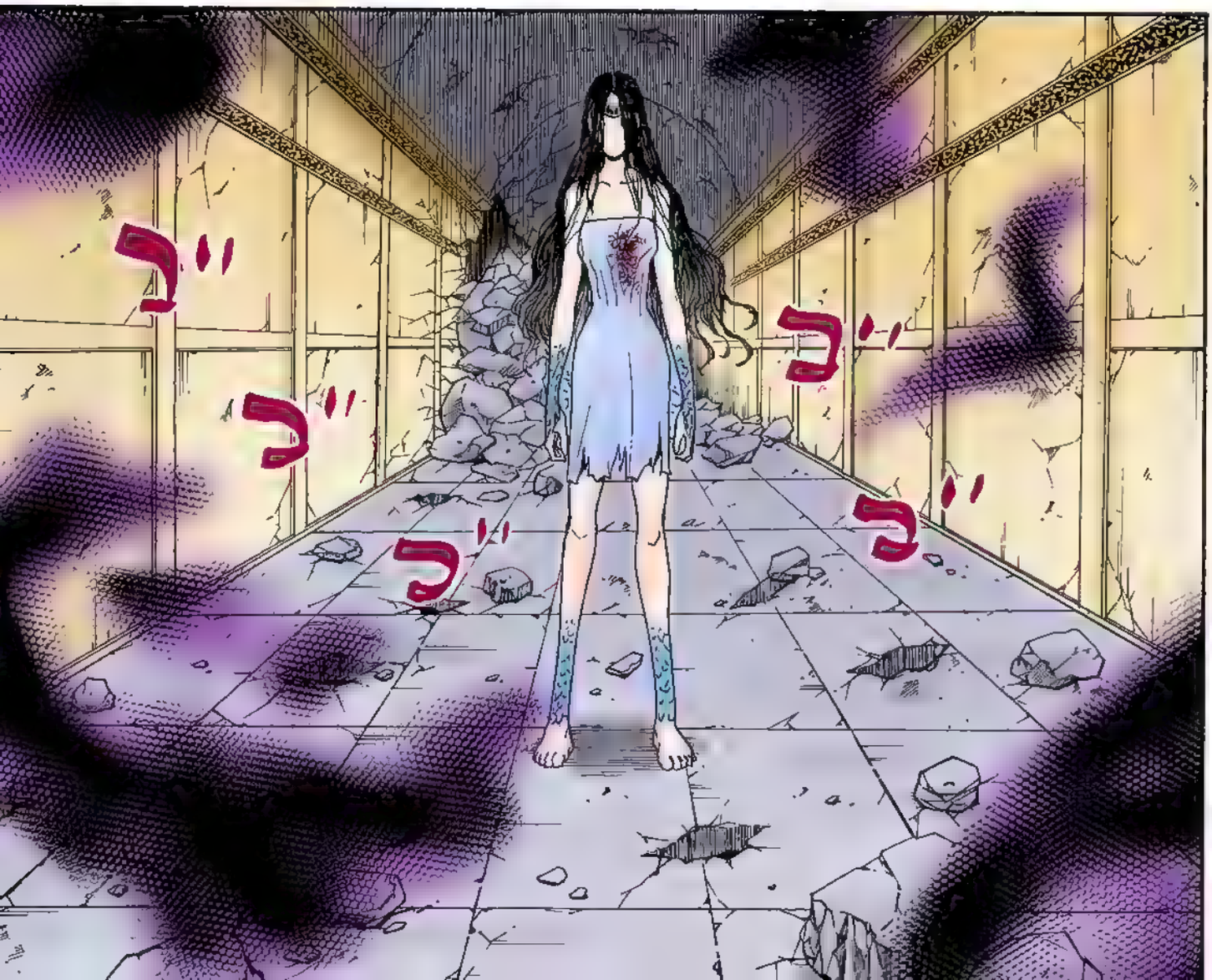
AND THAT GREATLY RATTLED KILLUA.
WHILE HER APPEARANCE HADN'T TOTALLY CHANGED, PALM WAS CLEARLY NO LONGER THE SAME PERSON.


HE WON'T BE ABLE TO TAKE IT!!
THERE'S NO ROOM LEFT IN HIS HEART!
IF GON SEES WHAT'S HAPPENED TO PALM...


SHE'S BEEN TRANSFORMED!
SHE WAS CAPTURED BY THE ROYAL GUARD... AND NOW...

GON COULD LOSE IT!!
...REACH PALM'S PSYCHE ...?
DID THE TRANSFOR-MATION...

...FIND OUT HERE AND NOW!!
I HAVE TO...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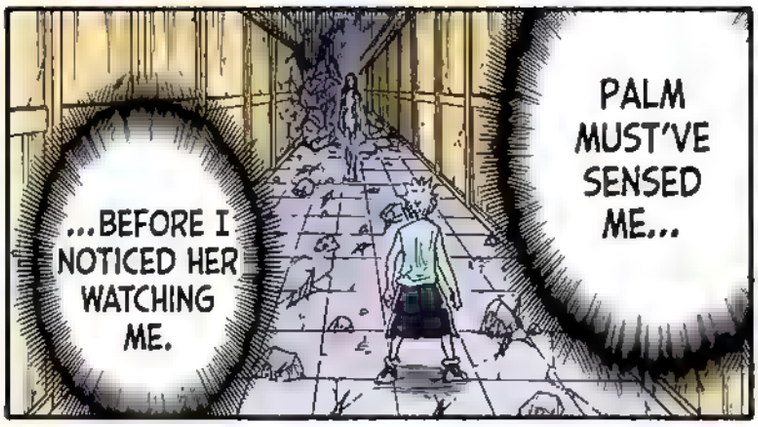
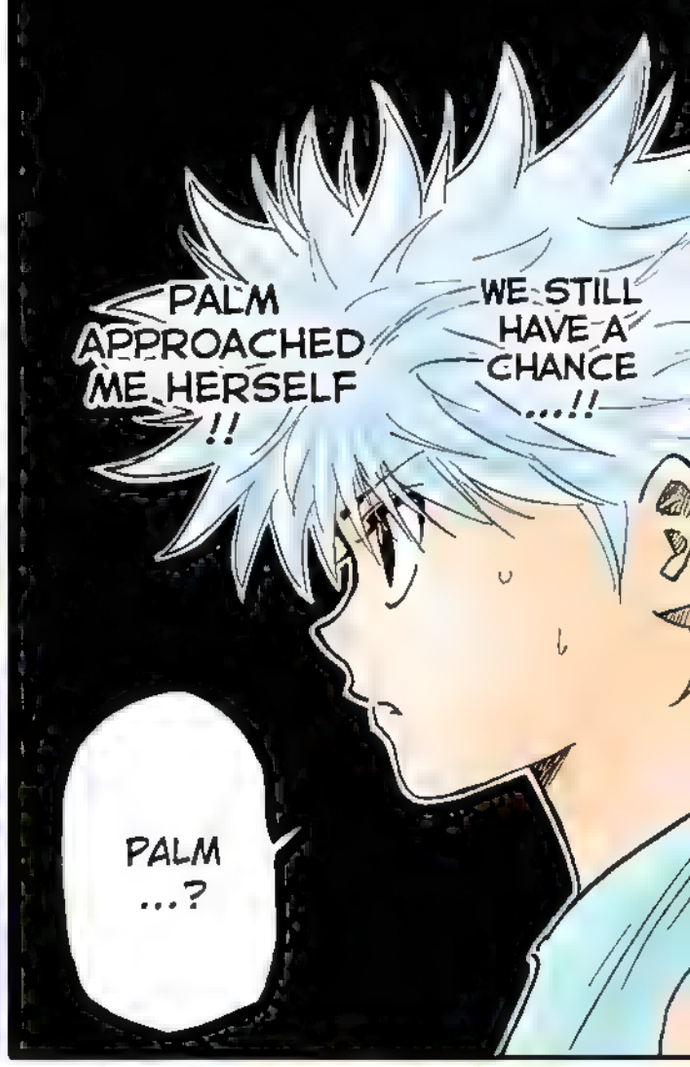
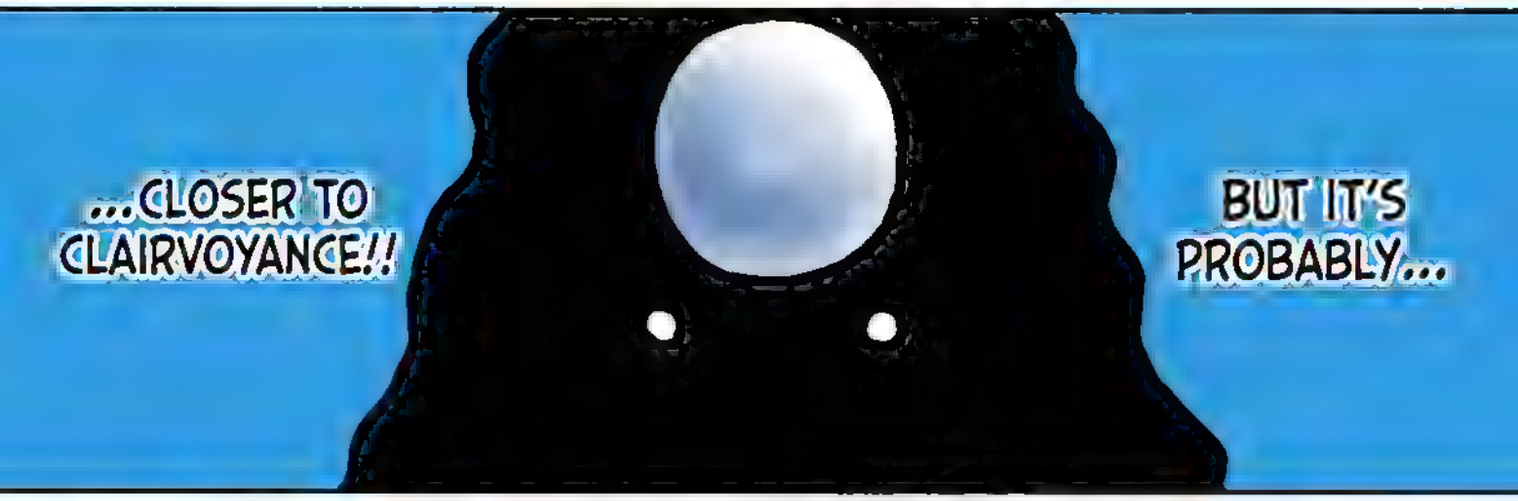
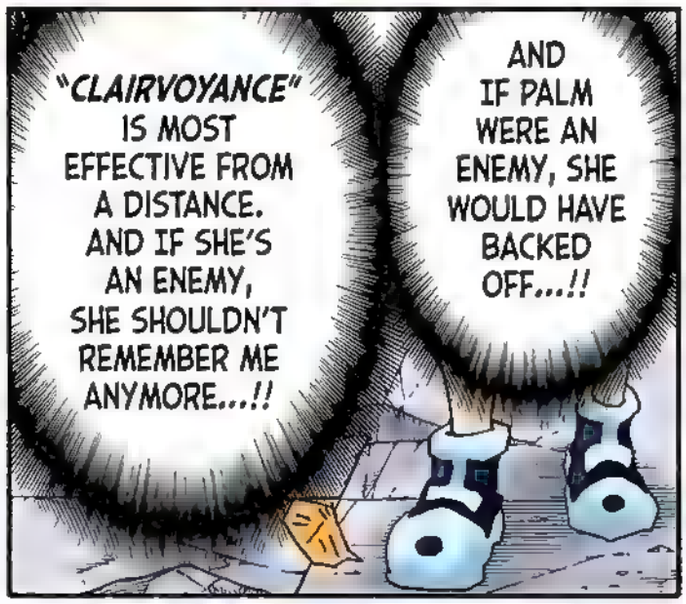
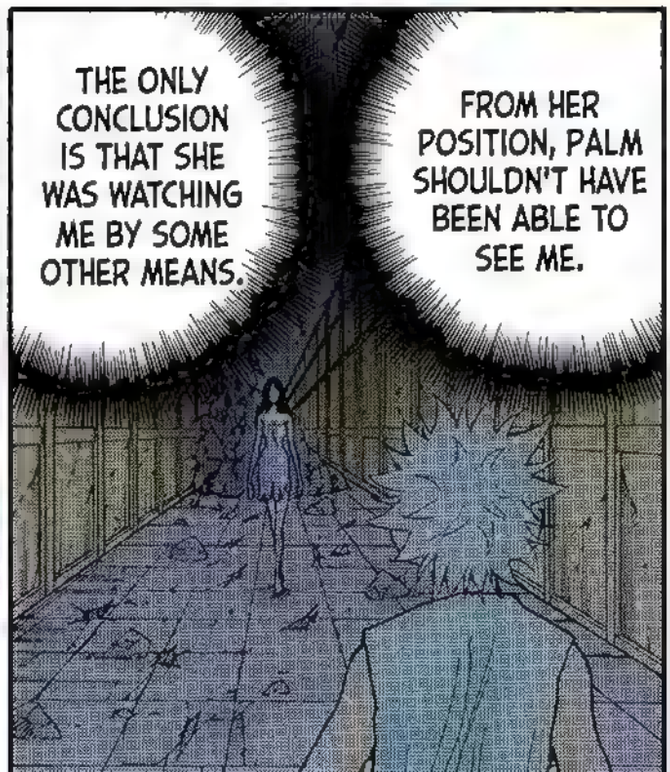

...BEFORE I NOTICED HER WATCHING ME.
PALM MUST'VE SENSED ME...

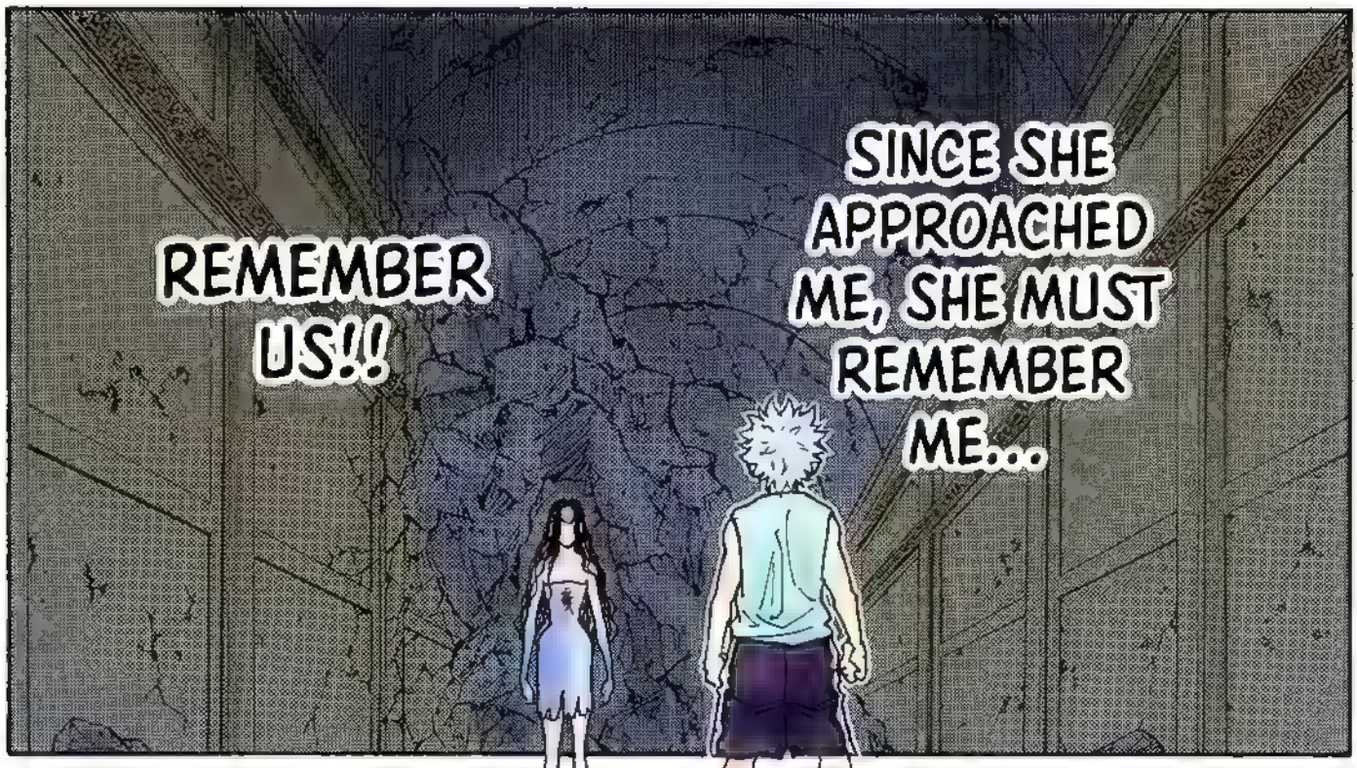
I THOUGHT SHE COULD USE SOME KIND OF DIVINATION TO LOCATE PEOPLE.
NOW, THERE'S NO TIME TO SPARE. LET'S BEGIN.
HEHEHEH. ONCE I USED MY ABILITY, IT WAS QUITE SIMPLE.
BUT HOW? YIE ONLY KNOW BISKY BECAUSE..
USING HER POWER SHE TOLD US ABOUT BEFORE.

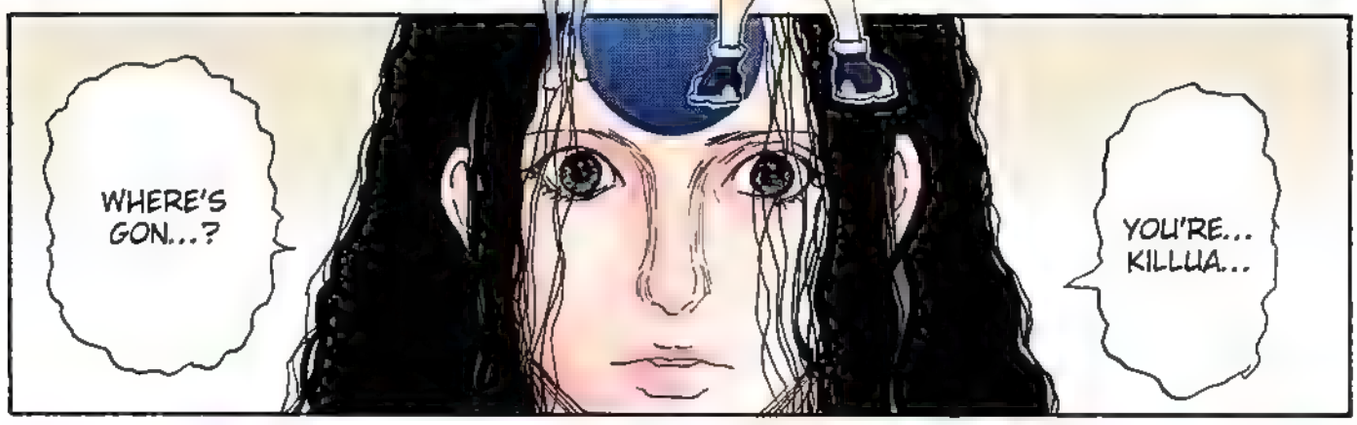

PALM APPROACHED ME HERSELF !!
WE STILL HAVE A CHANCE ...!!
PALM ...?

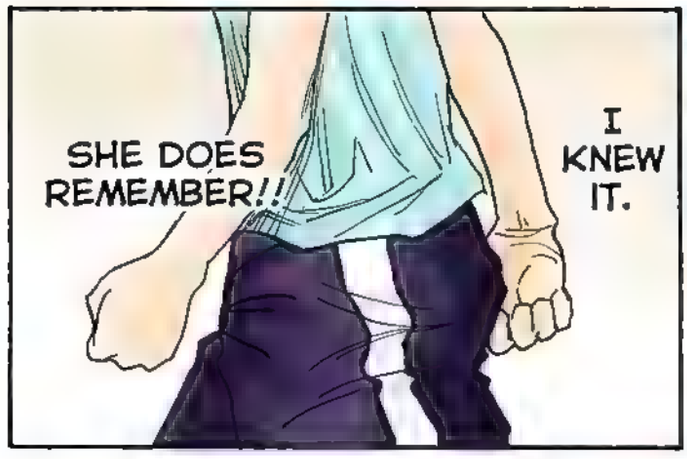

...CLOSER TO CLAIRVOYANCE!!
BUT IT'S PROBABLY...

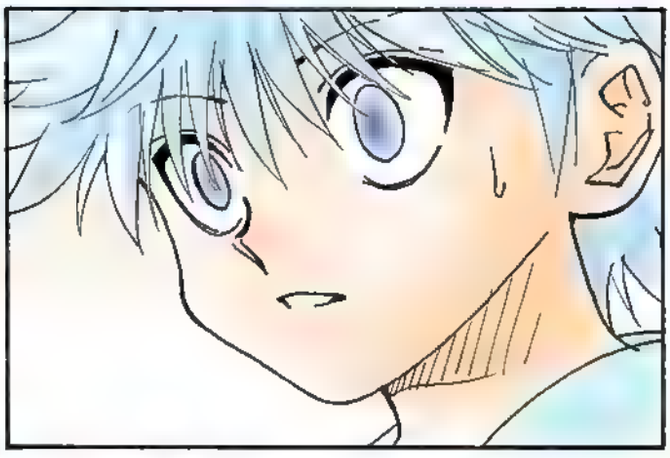

"CLAIRVOYANCE" IS MOST EFFECTIVE FROM A DISTANCE. AND IF SHE'S AN ENEMY, SHE SHOULDN'T REMEMBER ME ANYMORE...!!
AND IF PALM WERE AN ENEMY, SHE WOULD HAVE BACKED OFF...!!

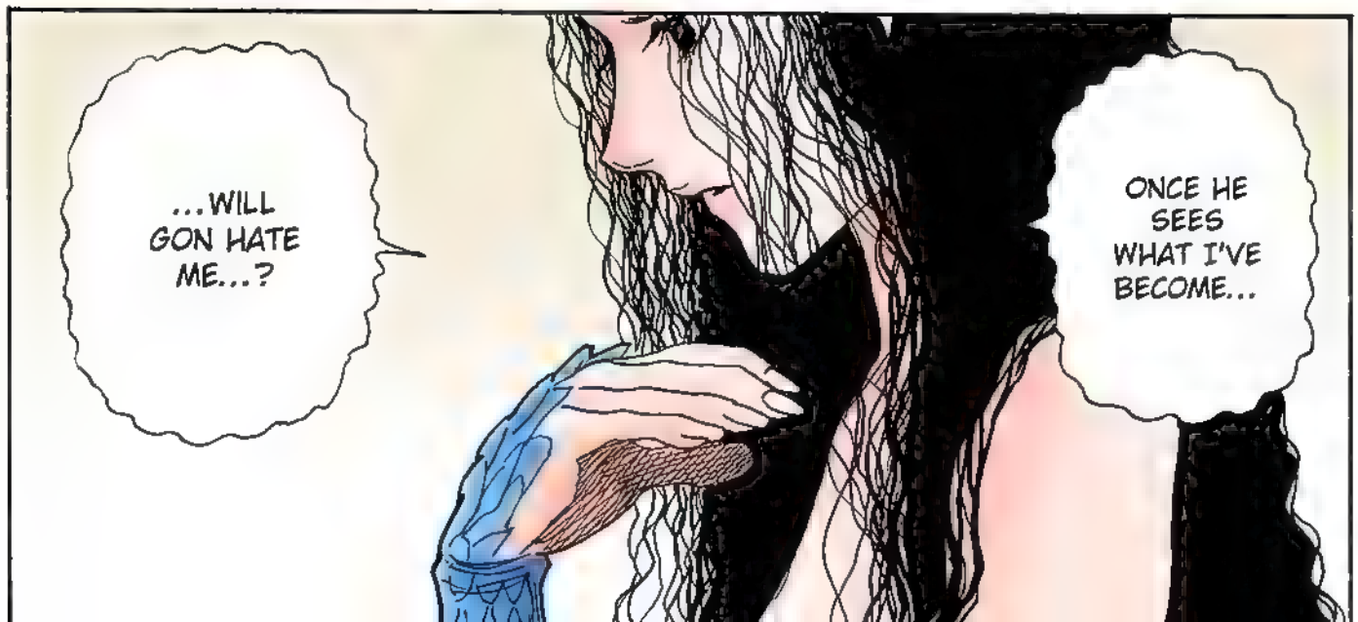

THE ONLY CONCLUSION IS THAT SHE WAS WATCHING ME BY SOME OTHER MEANS.
FROM HER POSITION, PALM SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SEE ME.

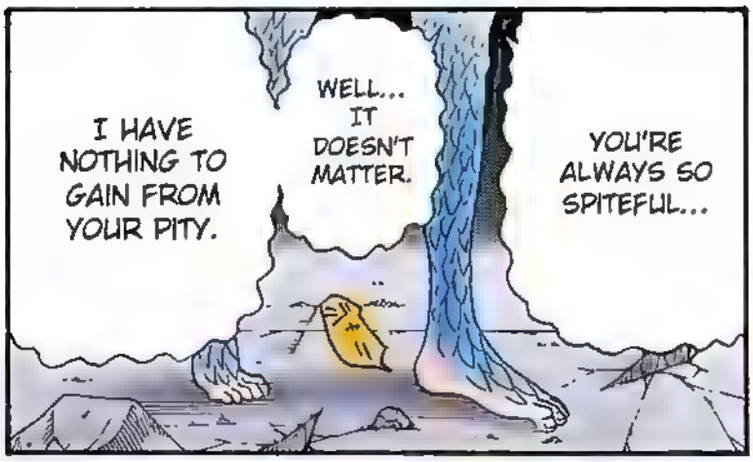

REMEMBER US!!
SINCE SHE APPROACHED ME, SHE MUST REMEMBER ME...


WHERE'S GON...?
YOU'RE... KILLUA...


SHE DOES REMEMBER!!
I KNEW IT.

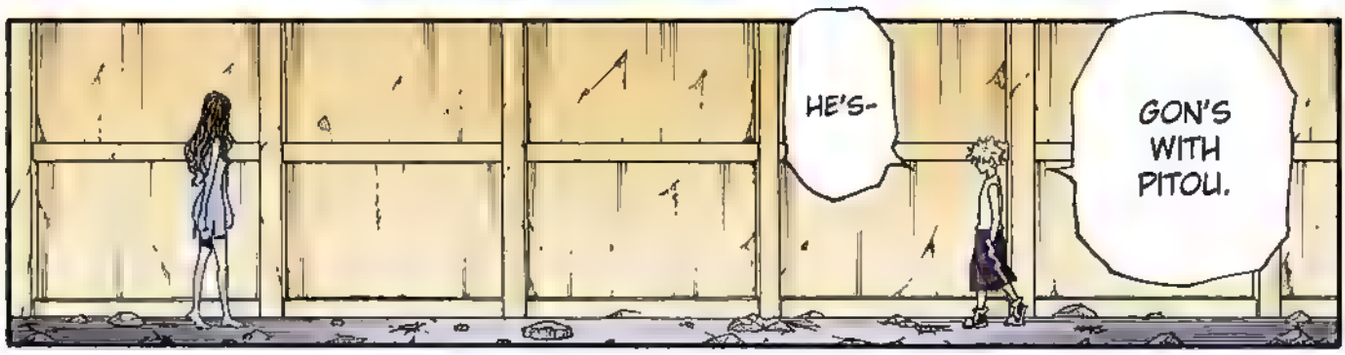



...WILL GON HATE ME...?
ONCE HE SEES WHAT I'VE BECOME...


I HAVE NOTHING TO GAIN FROM YOUR PITY.
WELL... IT DOESN'T MATTER.
YOU'RE ALWAYS SO SPITEFUL...

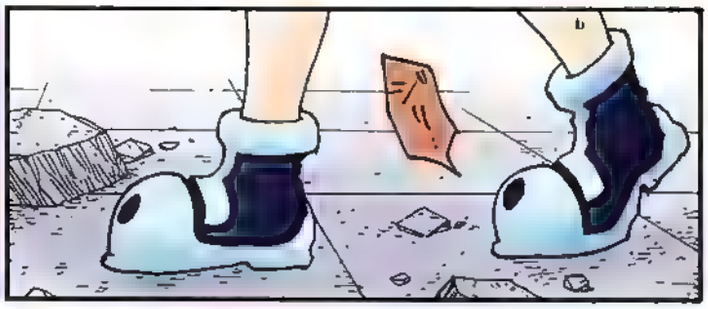
...ALSO, YOU'RE ASSUMING THAT HE LIKED YOU IN THE FIRST PLACE.
GON DOESN'T JUDGE PEOPLE BY LOOKS.

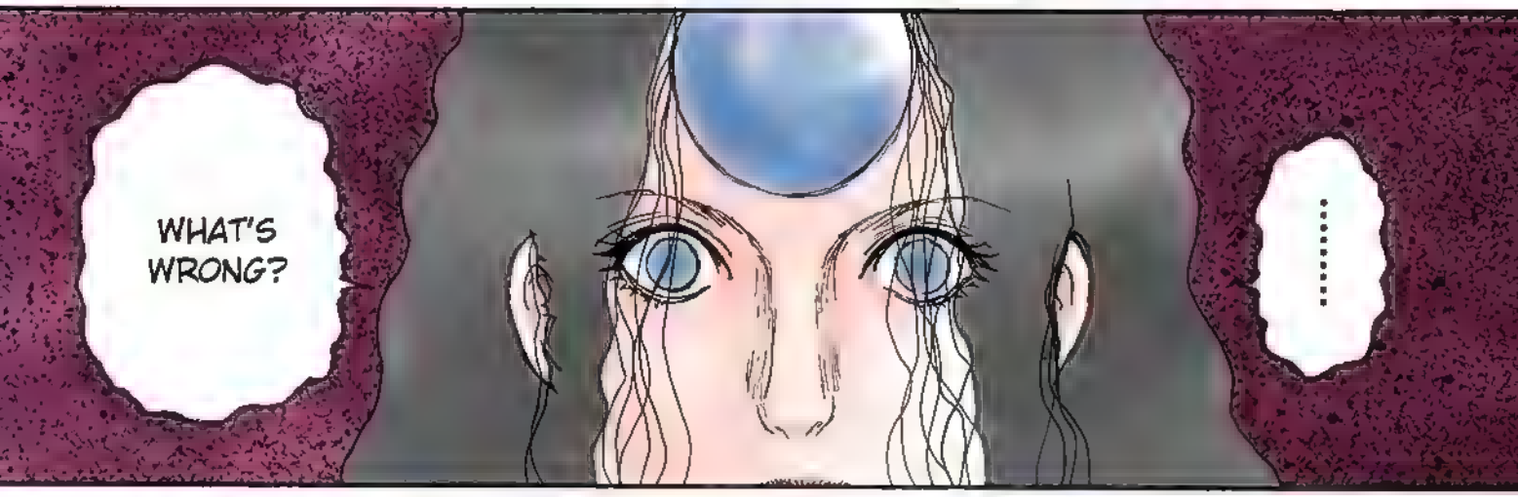
WHERE'S GON...?

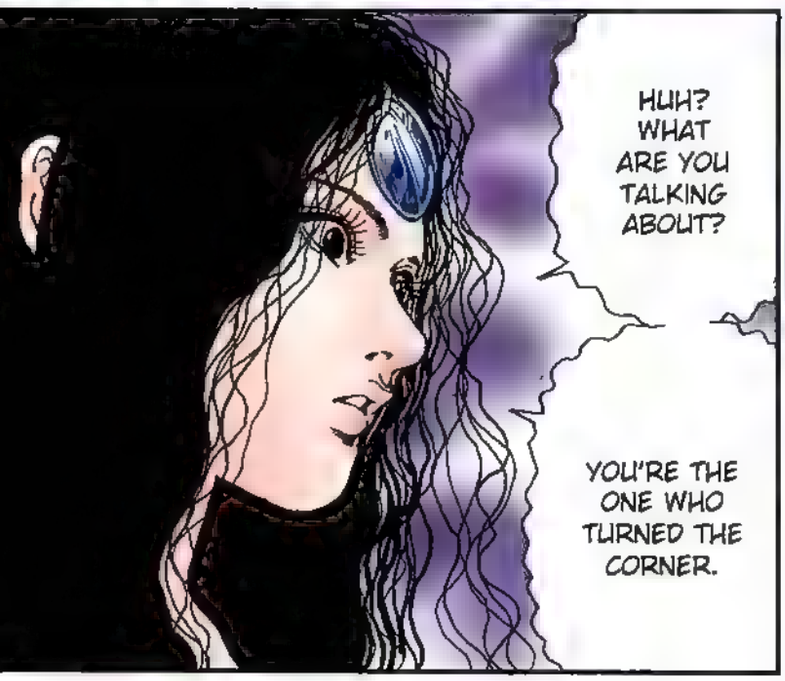

HE'S-
GON'S WITH PITOU.

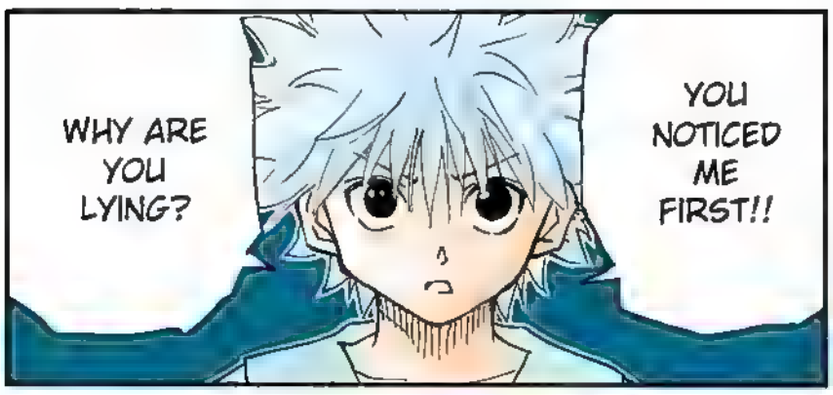
BUT SHE CAN'T SEE GON?

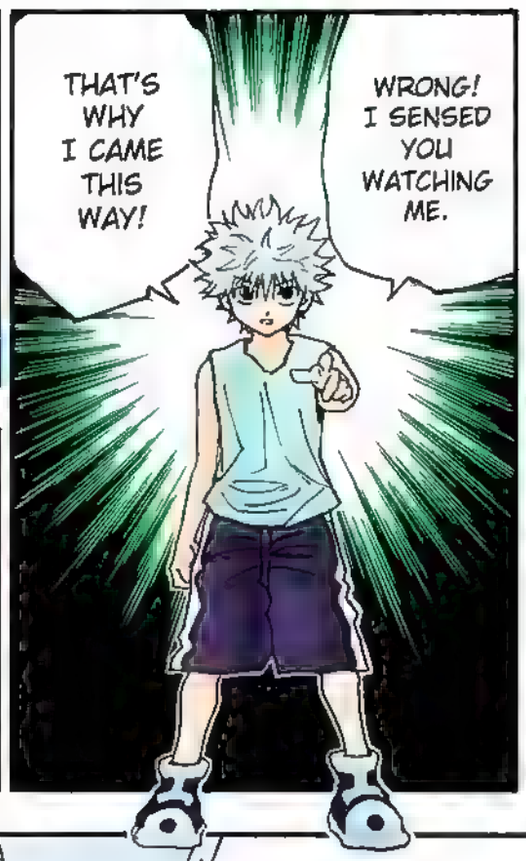
WHY CAN SHE SEE ME...

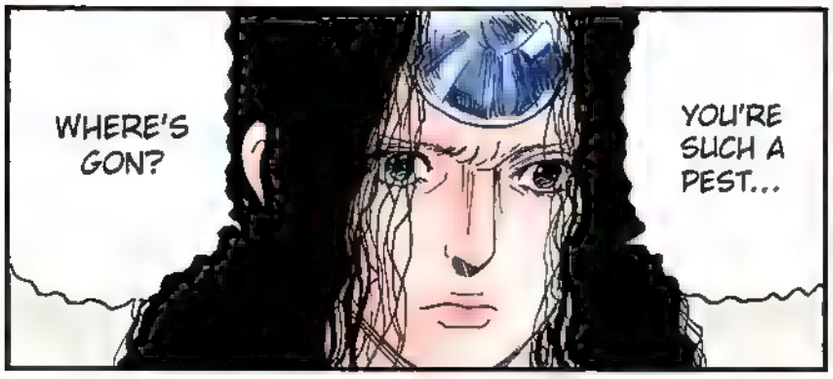


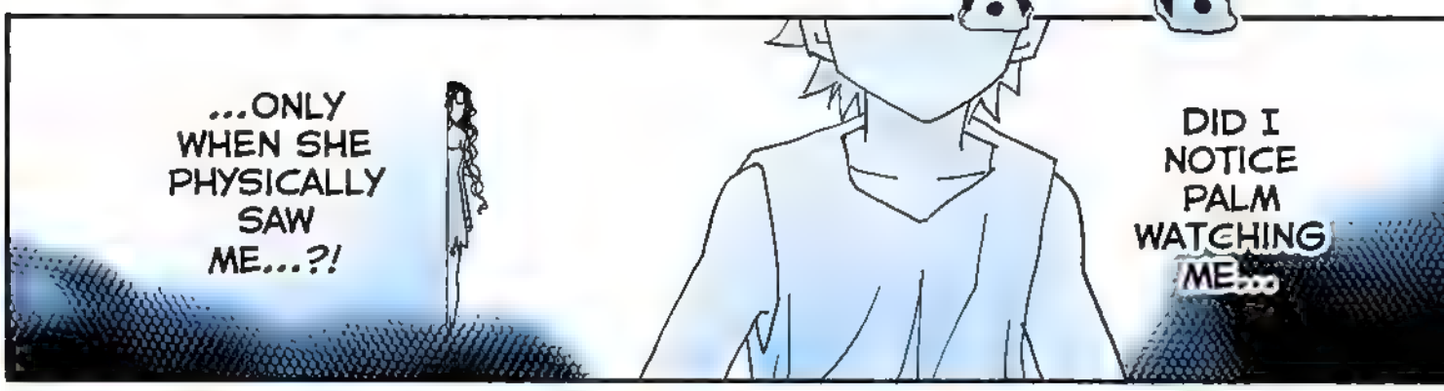


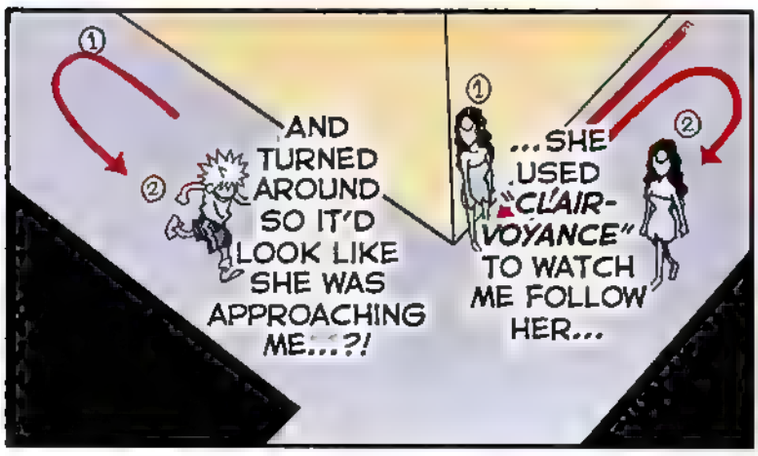



WHY ARE YOU LYING?
YOU NOTICED ME FIRST!!


THAT'S WHY I CAME THIS WAY!
WRONG! I SENSED YOU WATCHING ME.


WHERE'S GON?
YOU'RE SUCH A PEST...


...ONLY WHEN SHE PHYSICALLY SAW ME...?!
DID I NOTICE PALM WATCHING ME...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AND TURNED AROUND SO IT'D LOOK LIKE SHE WAS APPROACHING ME...?!
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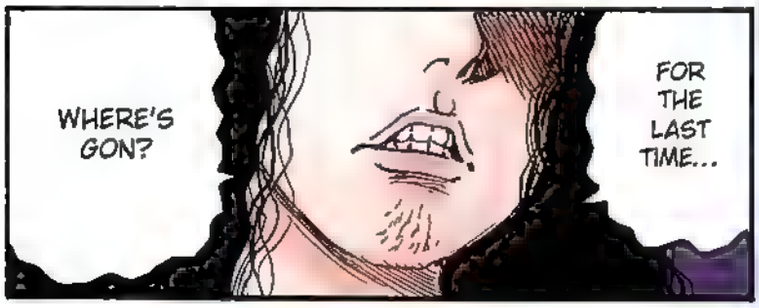
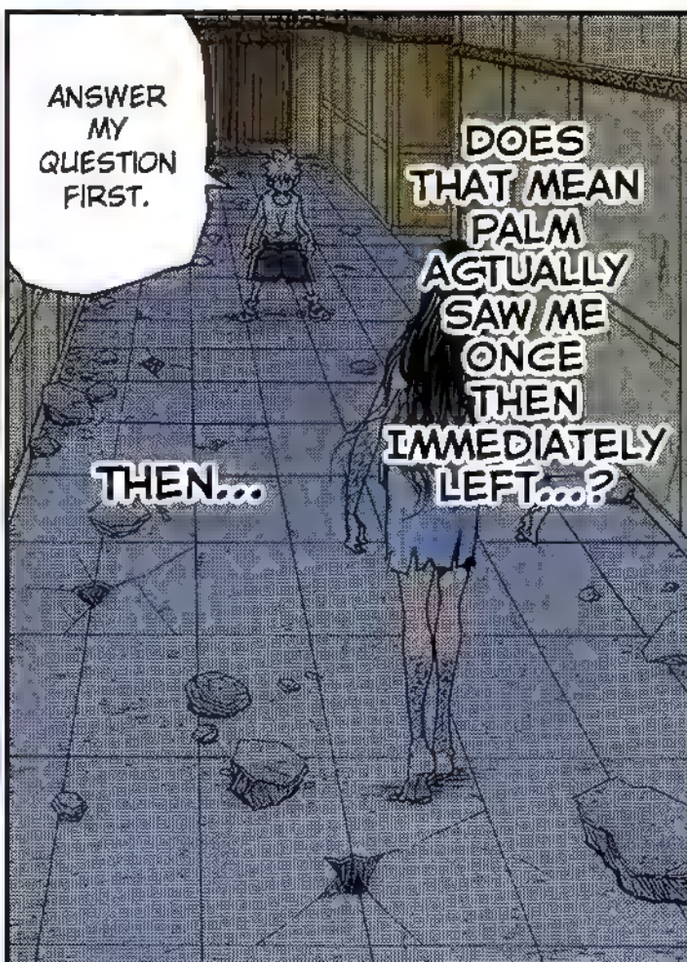
...SHE USED "CLAIR-VOYANCE" TO WATCH ME FOLLOW HER...


WHERE'S GON?
FOR THE LAST TIME...


ANSWER MY QUESTION FIRST.
DOES THAT MEAN PALM ACTUALLY SAW ME ONCE THEN IMMEDIATELY LEFT...?
THEN...

YOU'RE AN ENEMY NOW.
I'M NOT TELLING!
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I...
...MADE A MISTAKE.
...TO USE MY ABILITIES.
THERE ARE BETTER WAYS...

INSTEAD OF BOTTLING UP MY RAGE...
...I SHOULD HAVE SIMPLY YIELDED TO IT.
SHE'S...
SH-
...DANGE-ROUS!
BETTER TO LET EVERYTHING OUT THEN HOLD IT IN.

TO KILL YOUU-UUU !!!
FOR EXAMPLE, LIKE MY DESIRE...
FURY OF SHADOWS: BLACK WIDOW!

!!
WELL? WHAT NOW?!
HAA HAA HAA HAA HAA!
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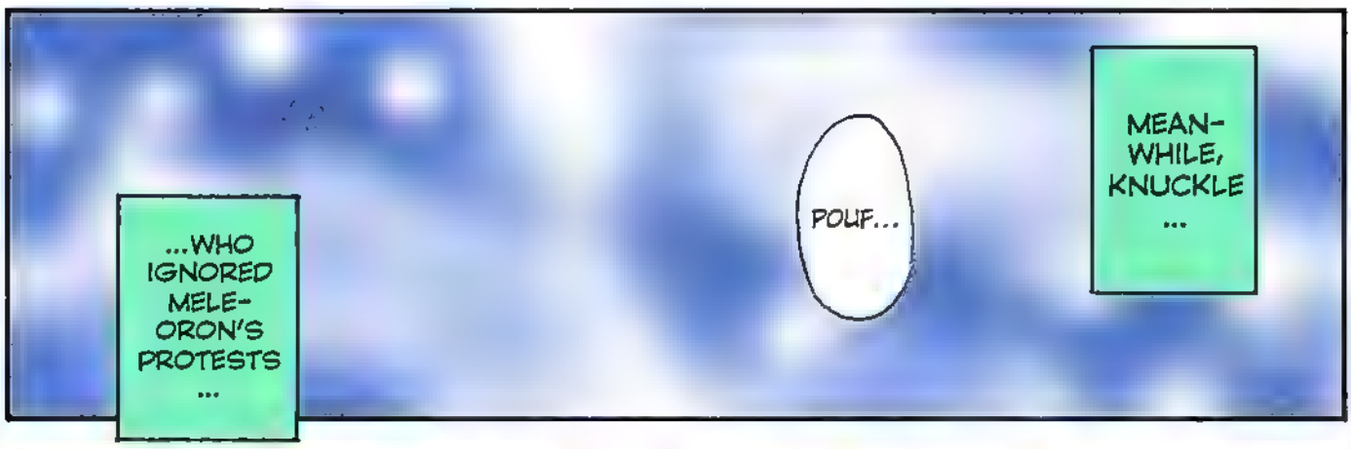
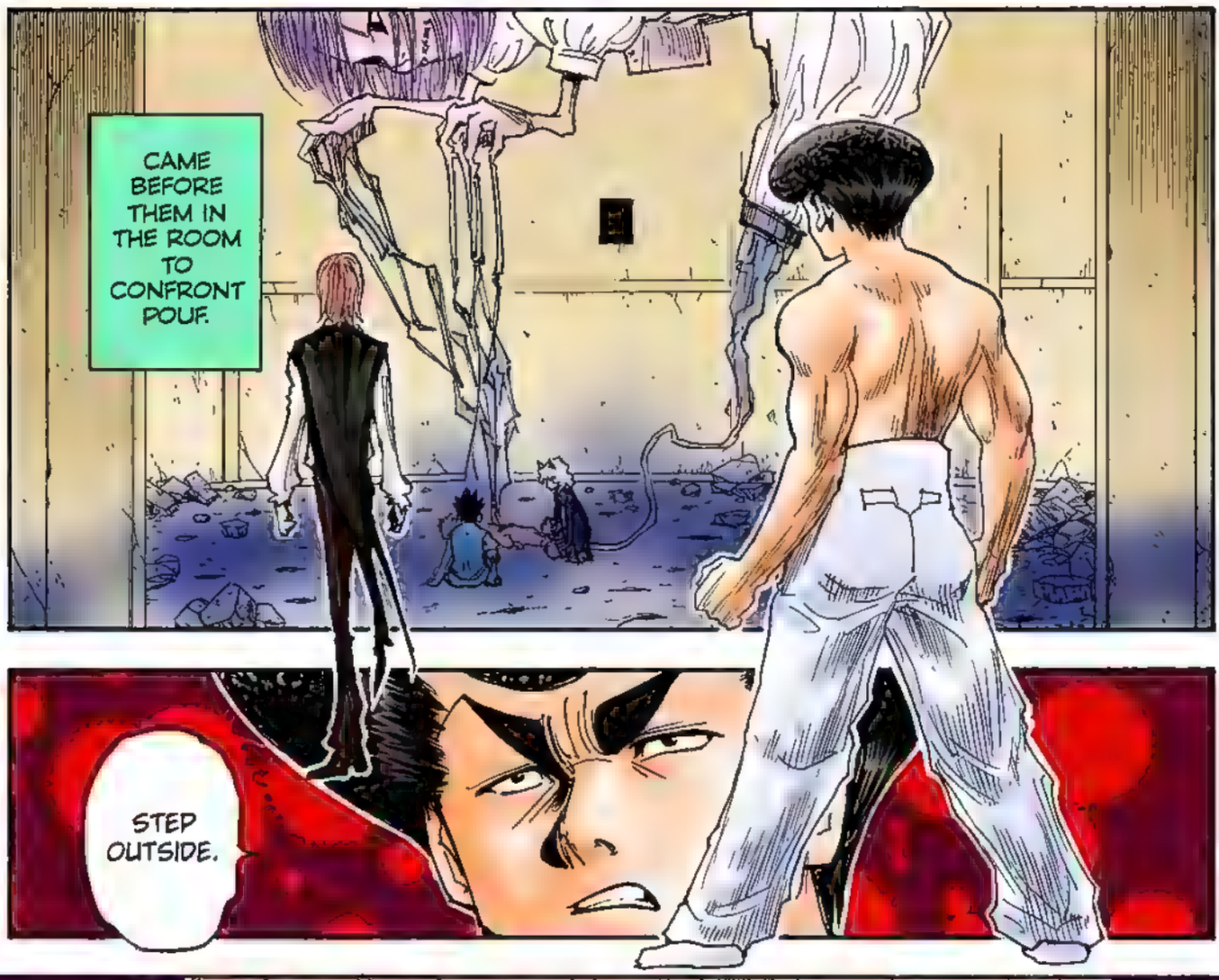
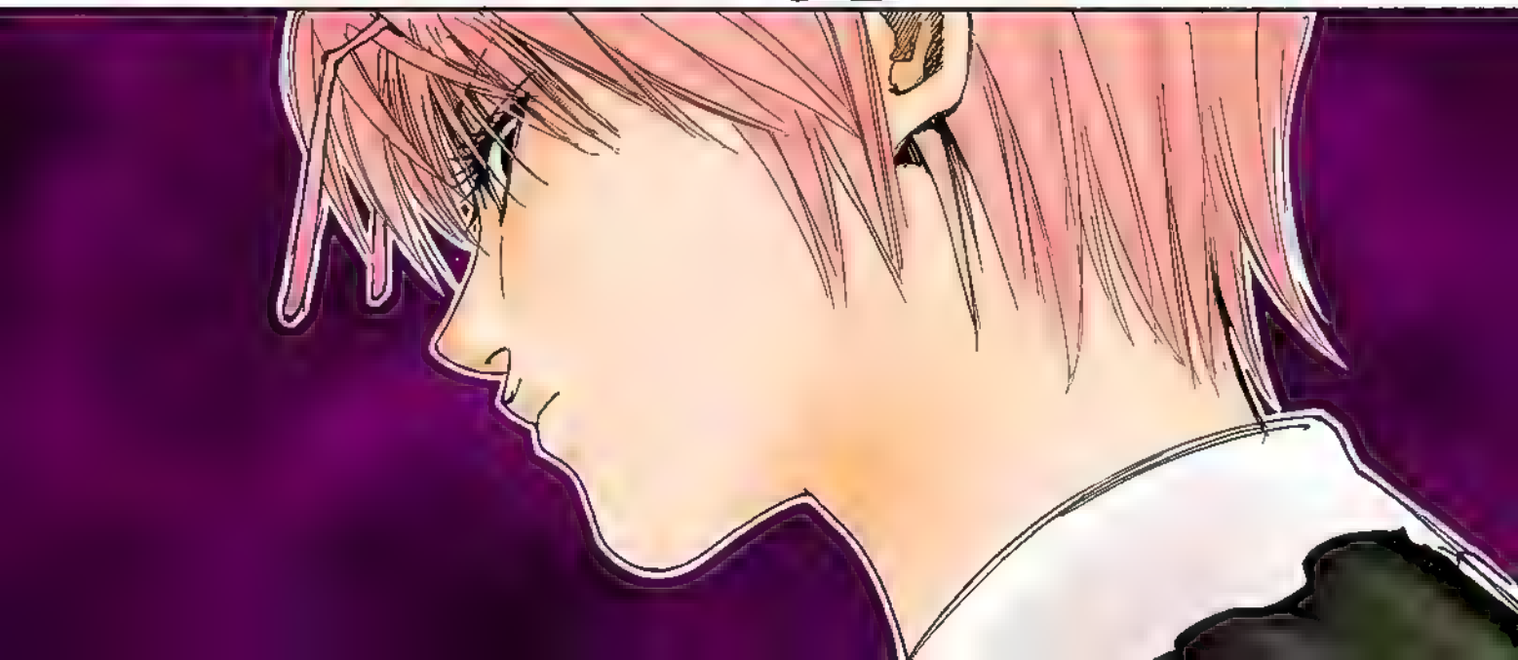
WILL YOU DIE AFTER SPEAKING ?!
YOU WANNA DIE SILENTLY ?!
OR WILL YOU JUST DIE?!
SHE'S STRONG !!


...WHO IGNORED MELE-ORON'S PROTESTS ...
POUF...
MEAN-WHILE, KNUCKLE ...


CAME BEFORE THEM IN THE ROOM TO CONFRONT POUF.
STEP OUTSIDE.



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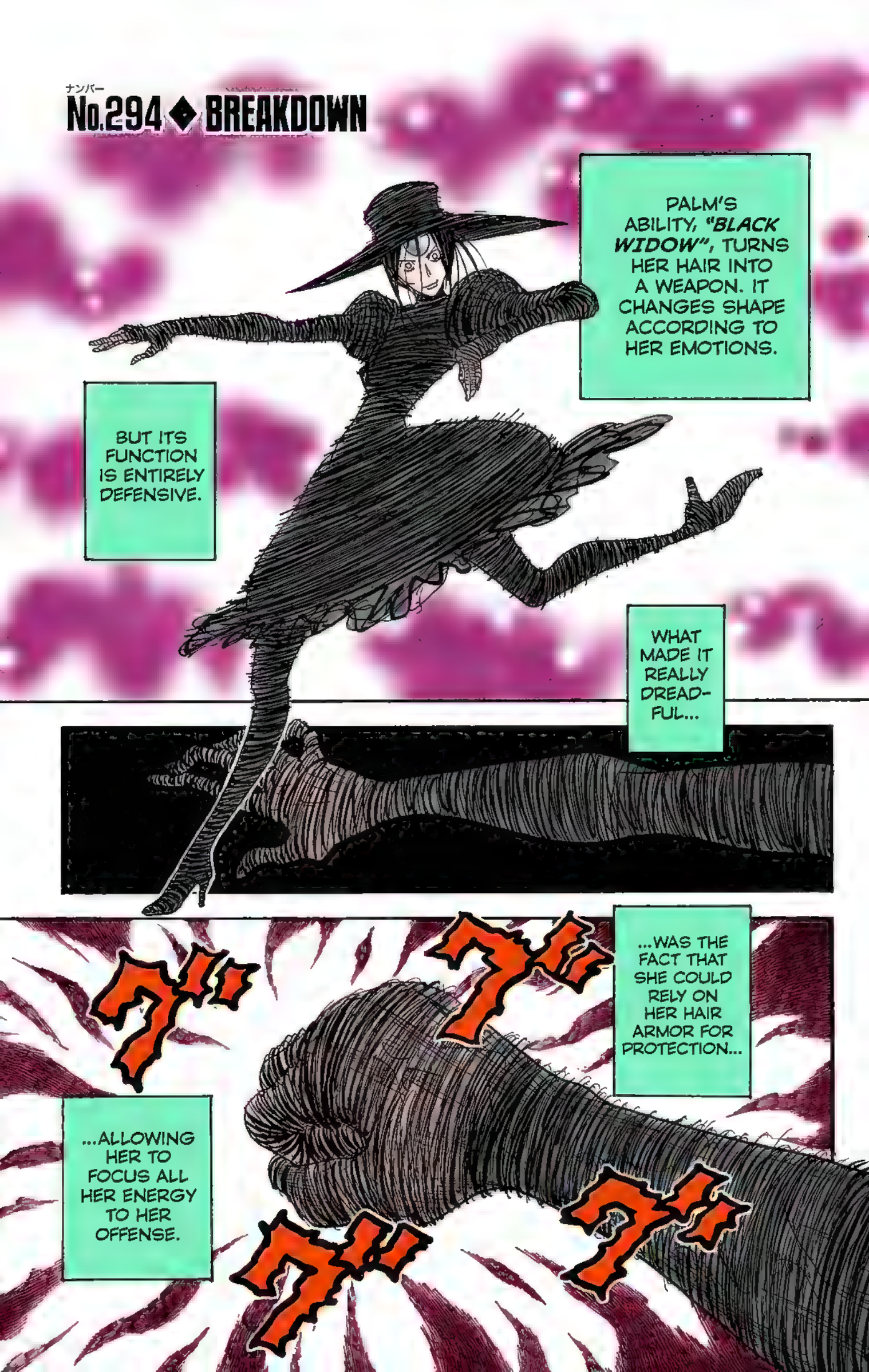

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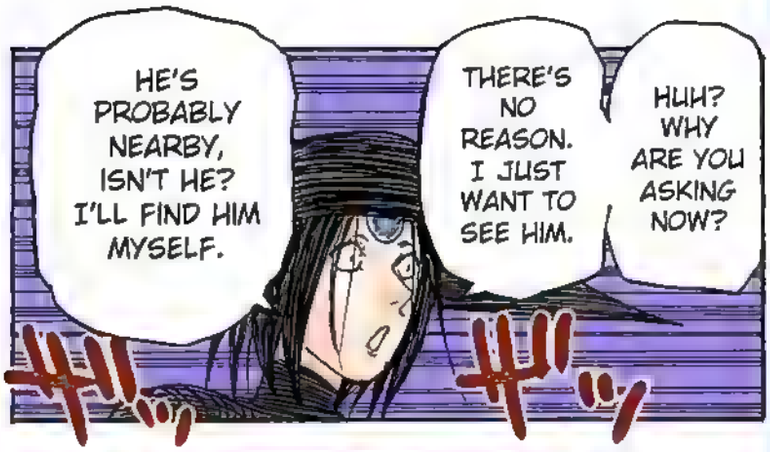
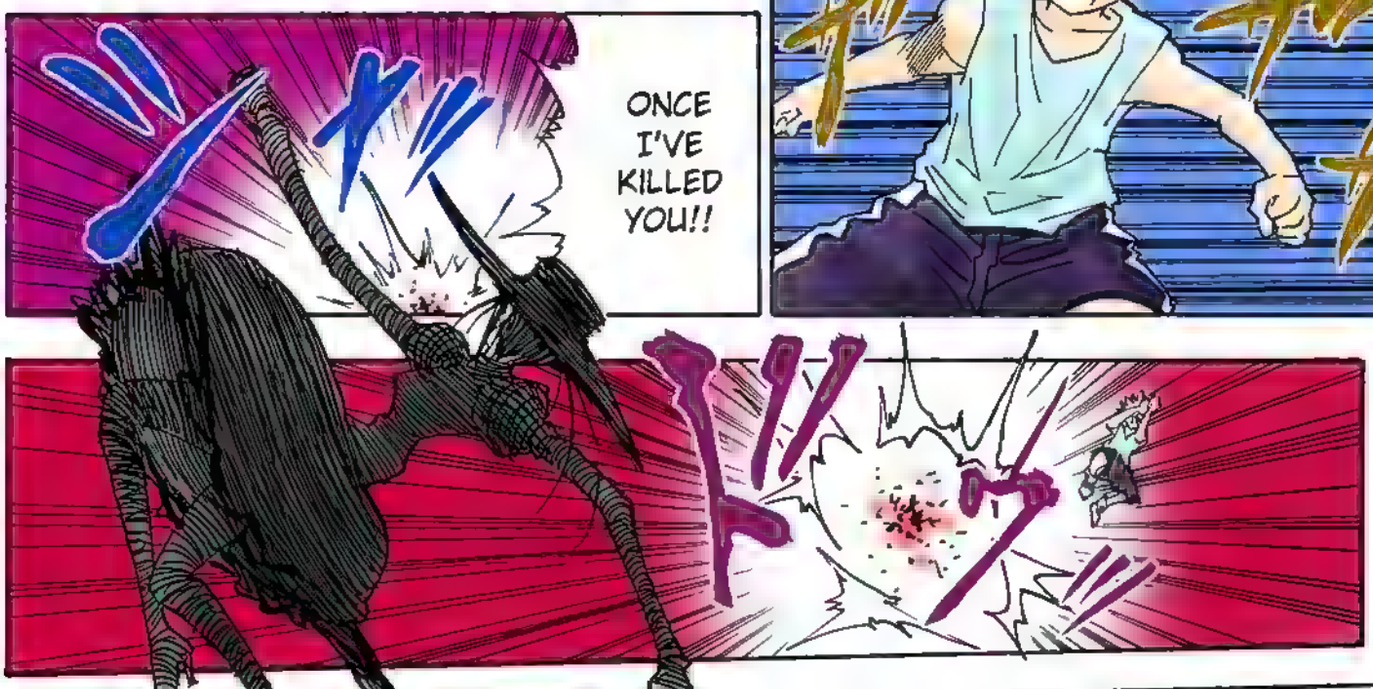
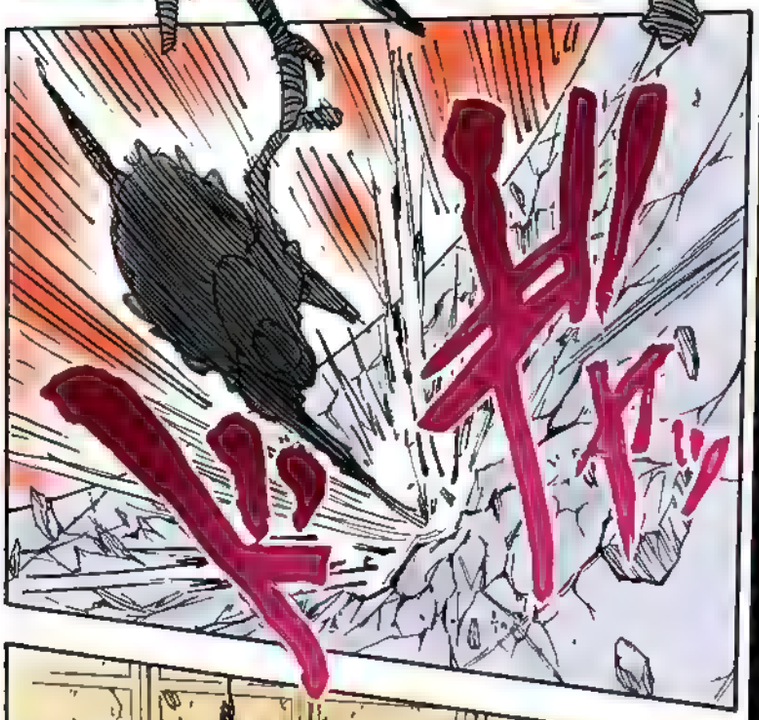
HRN!!

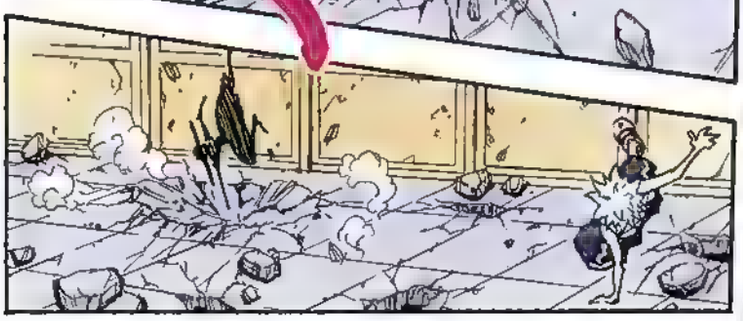
WHAT A DIFFERENCE IT MAKES WHEN YOUR ABILITY IS A PERFECT MATCH...!!
PALM IS ORIGINALLY AN ENHANCER...
IF THE FIGHT DRAGS ON, I'LL BE AT A TOTAL DISADVANTAGE.
I COMPLETELY BLOCKED THE ATTACK, BUT I STILL TOOK DAMAGE...
GON'S MIND IS ALREADY AT ITS LIMIT...!! HE'S BARELY HOLDING HIMSELF TOGETHER WHILE HE WAITS FOR PITOU.
EVEN SO, I CAN'T RUN AWAY NOW...!!
EVEN IF THERE'S STILL A SHRED OF PALM'S HEART IN THERE, IT'LL ONLY...
I CAN'T LET THEM MEET!
...HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT NOW!!

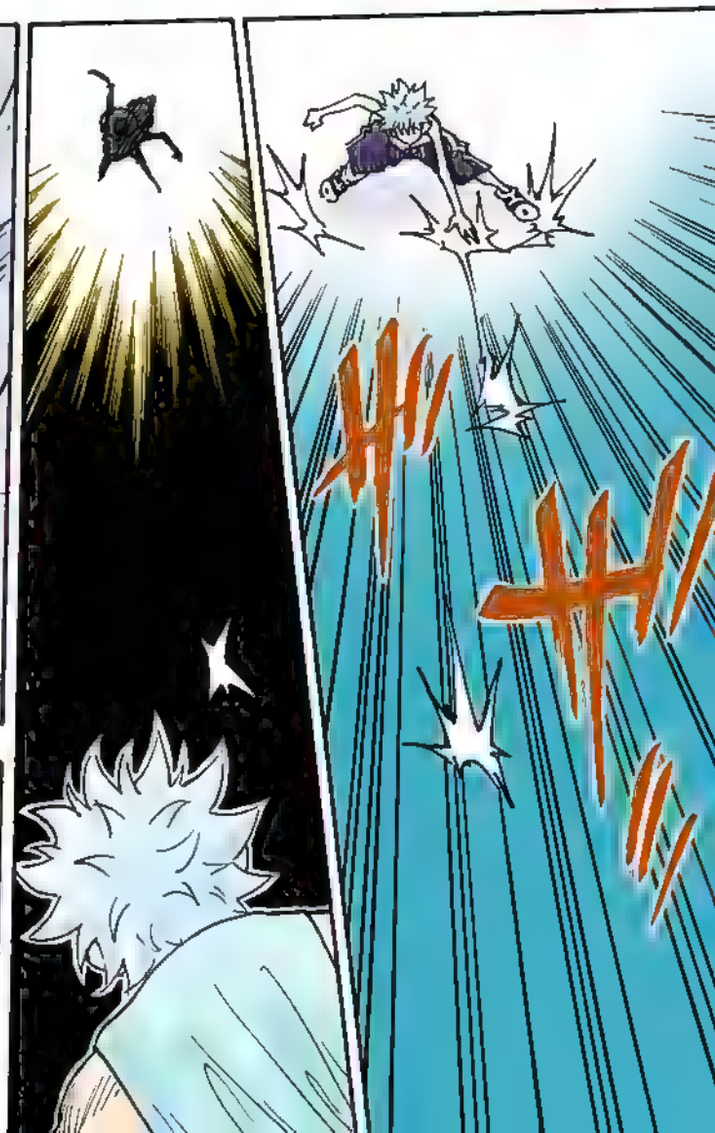

HE'S PROBABLY NEARBY, ISN'T HE? I'LL FIND HIM MYSELF.
THERE'S NO REASON. I JUST WANT TO SEE HIM.
HUH? WHY ARE YOU ASKING NOW?

DEPENDING ON YOUR REASON, I MIGHT BE WILLING TO TELL YOU WHERE HE IS!
PALM!! WHY ARE YOU LOOKING FOR GON?!


ONCE I'VE KILLED YOU!!

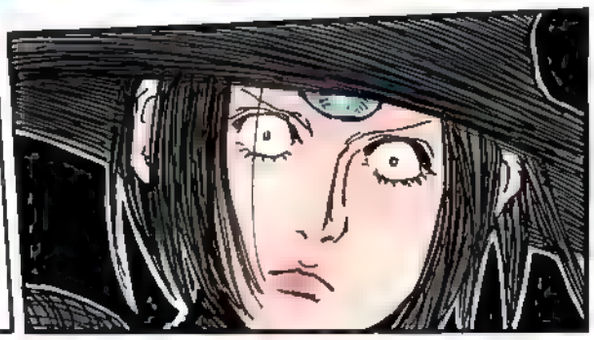


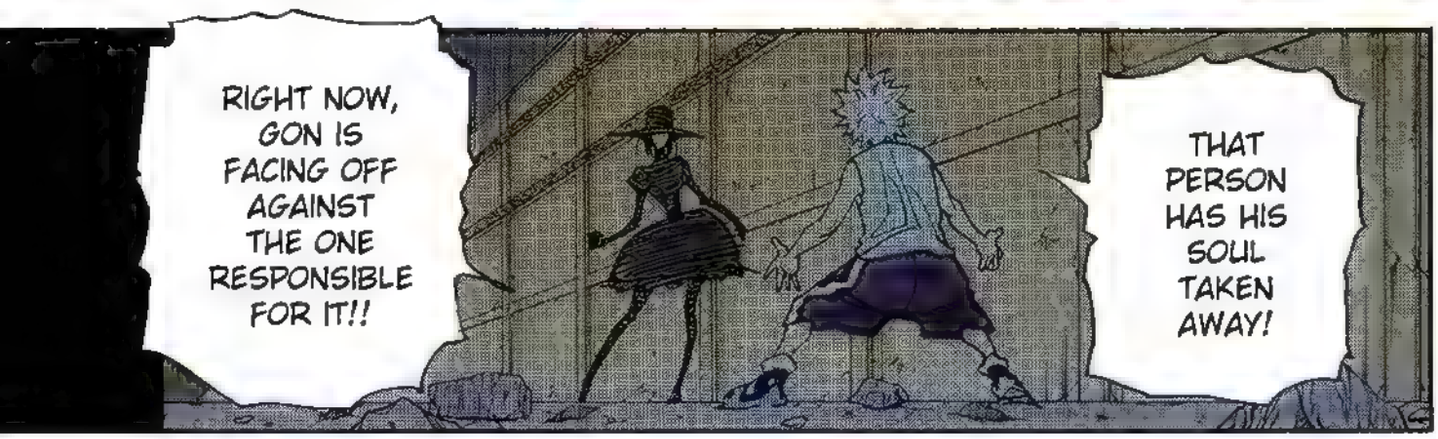




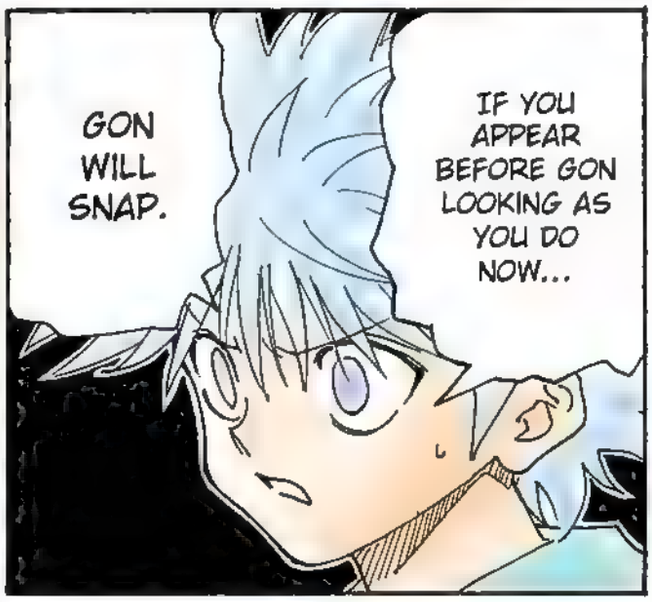
...BUT EVEN IF YOU LOOK DIFFERENT, YOU'RE STILL "PALM", RIGHT?!
I'M SORRY!! I PANICKED AND CALLED YOU THE ENEMY...

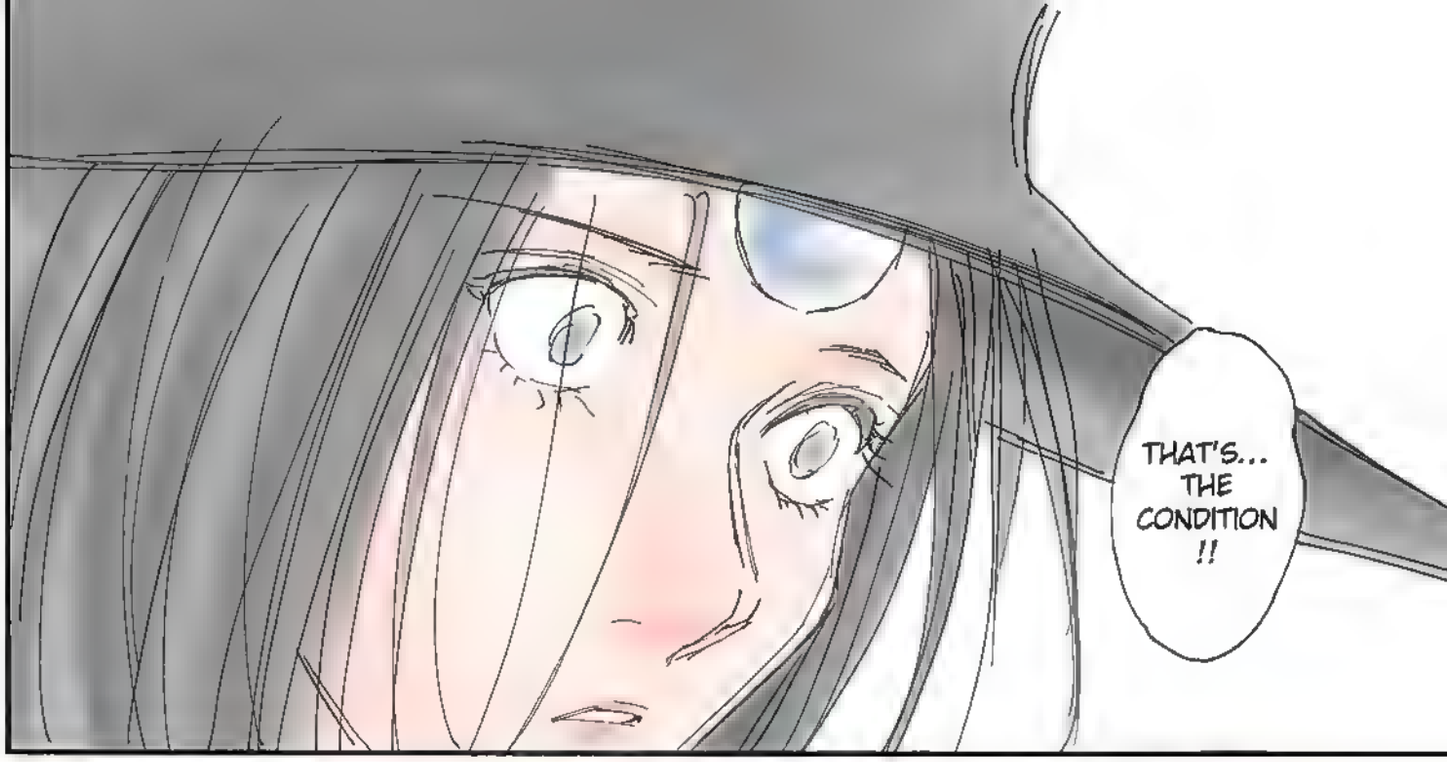
SOMEONE HE DEEPLY RESPECTS WAS RUTHLESSLY ALTERED!!
GON IS SUFFERING RIGHT NOW!!

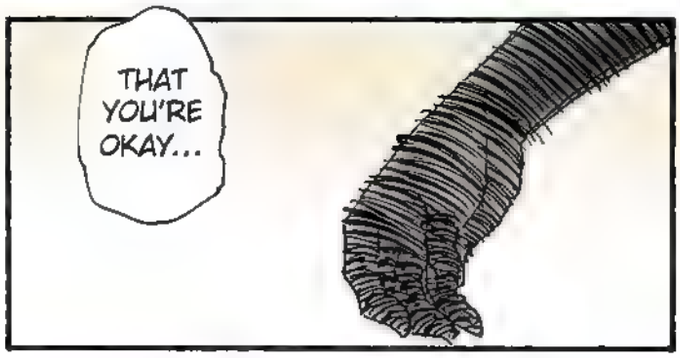


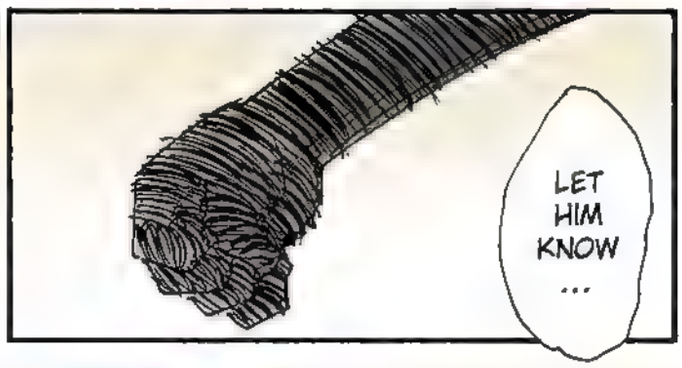

RIGHT NOW, GON IS FACING OFF AGAINST THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR IT!!
THAT PERSON HAS HIS SOUL TAKEN AWAY!

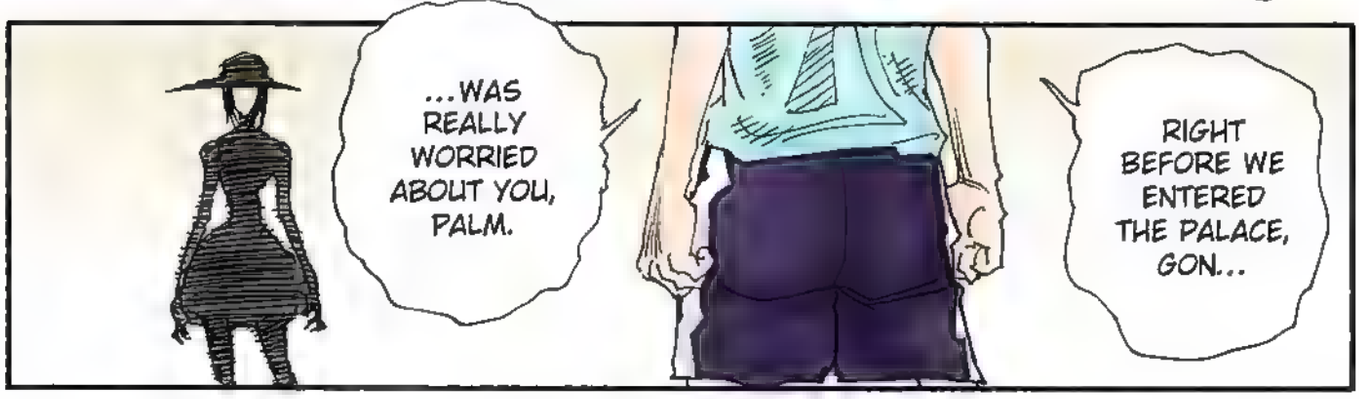
"GON" ...!!
YOU HAVE TO CALL HIM BY HIS FIRST NAME! YOU HAVE TO SAY...

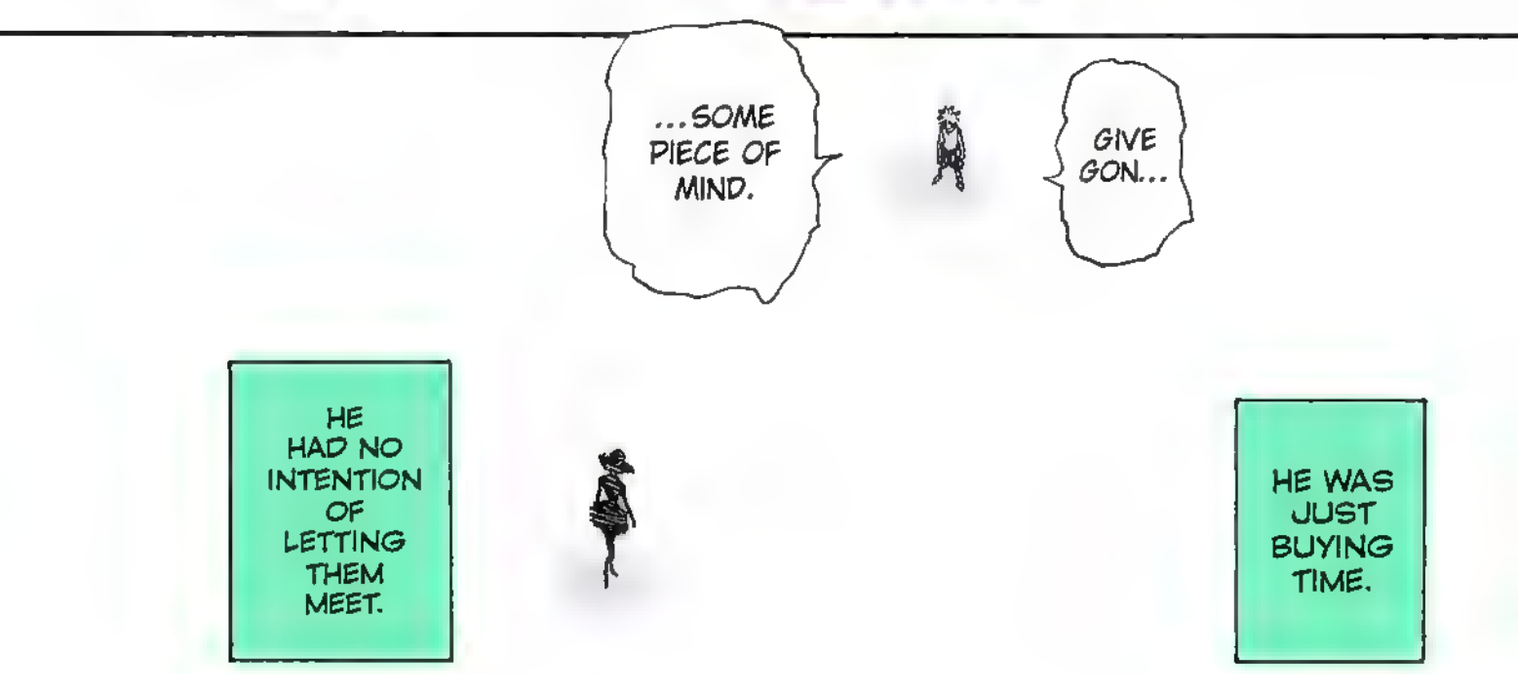

GON WILL SNAP.
IF YOU APPEAR BEFORE GON LOOKING AS YOU DO NOW...


THAT'S... THE CONDITION !!


THAT YOU'RE OKAY...

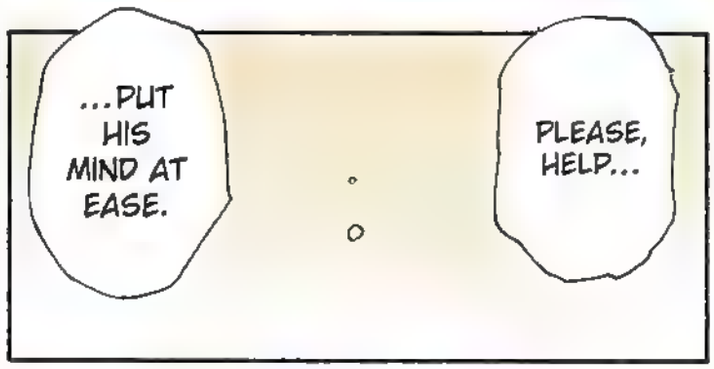

LET HIM KNOW ...

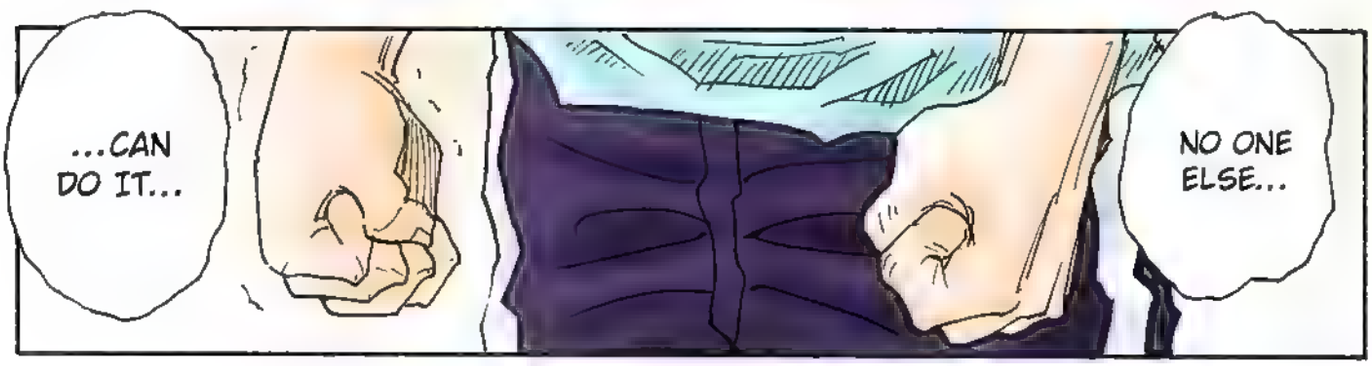

...WAS REALLY WORRIED ABOUT YOU, PALM.
RIGHT BEFORE WE ENTERED THE PALACE, GON...


...SOME PIECE OF MIND.
GIVE GON...
HE HAD NO INTENTION OF LETTING THEM MEET.
HE WAS JUST BUYING TIME.

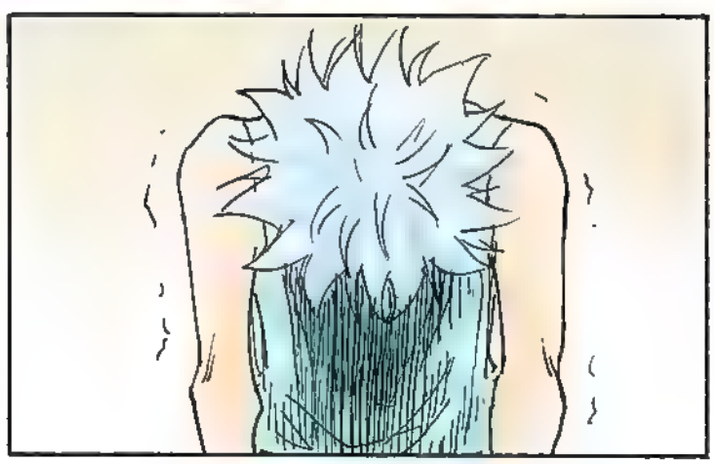
AT LEAST THAT WAS THE IDEA...

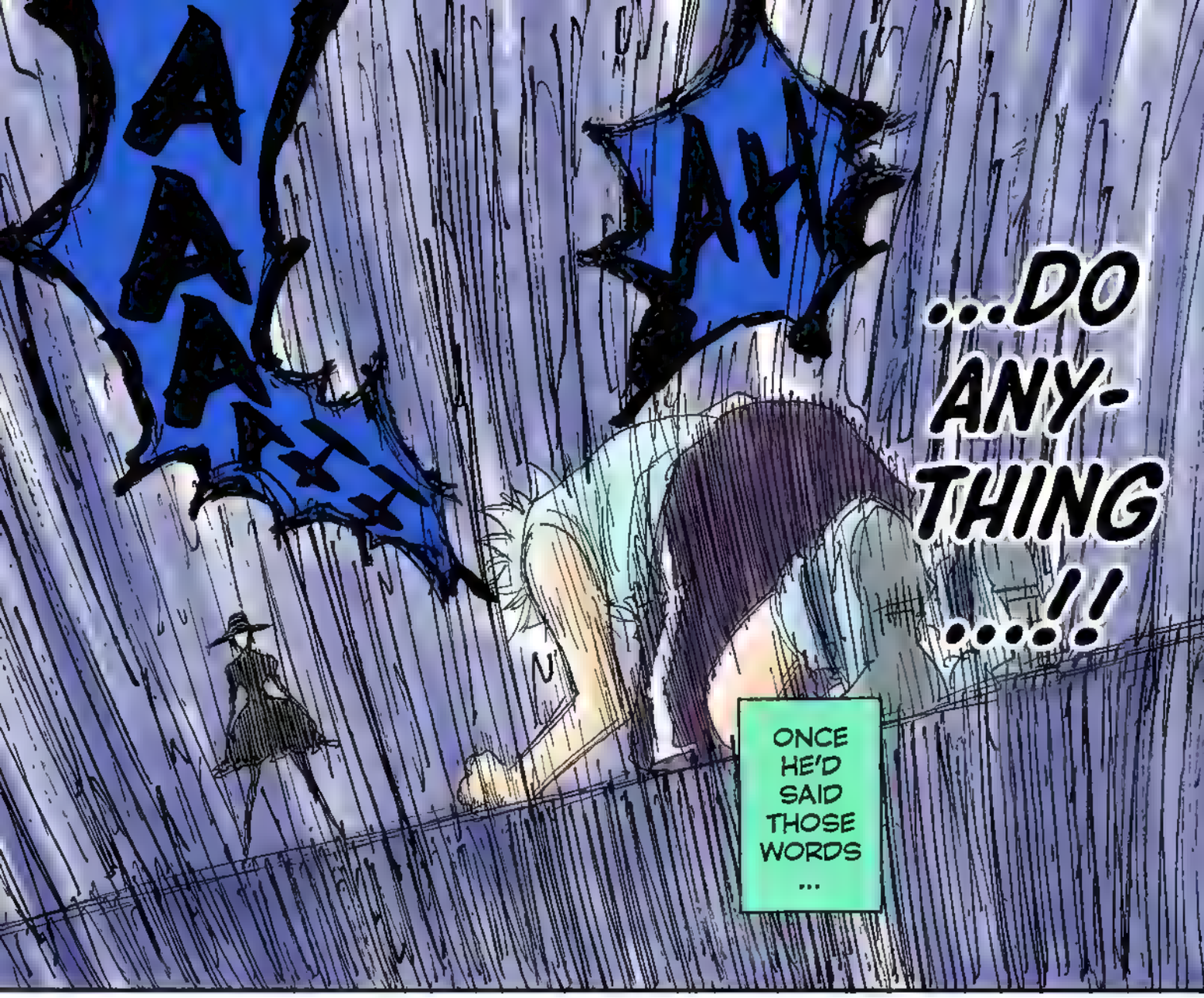
ONLY YOU CAN DO THAT NOW, PALM!
ONLY YOU...


...PUT HIS MIND AT EASE.
PLEASE, HELP...


...CAN DO IT...
NO ONE ELSE...

I CAN'T ...

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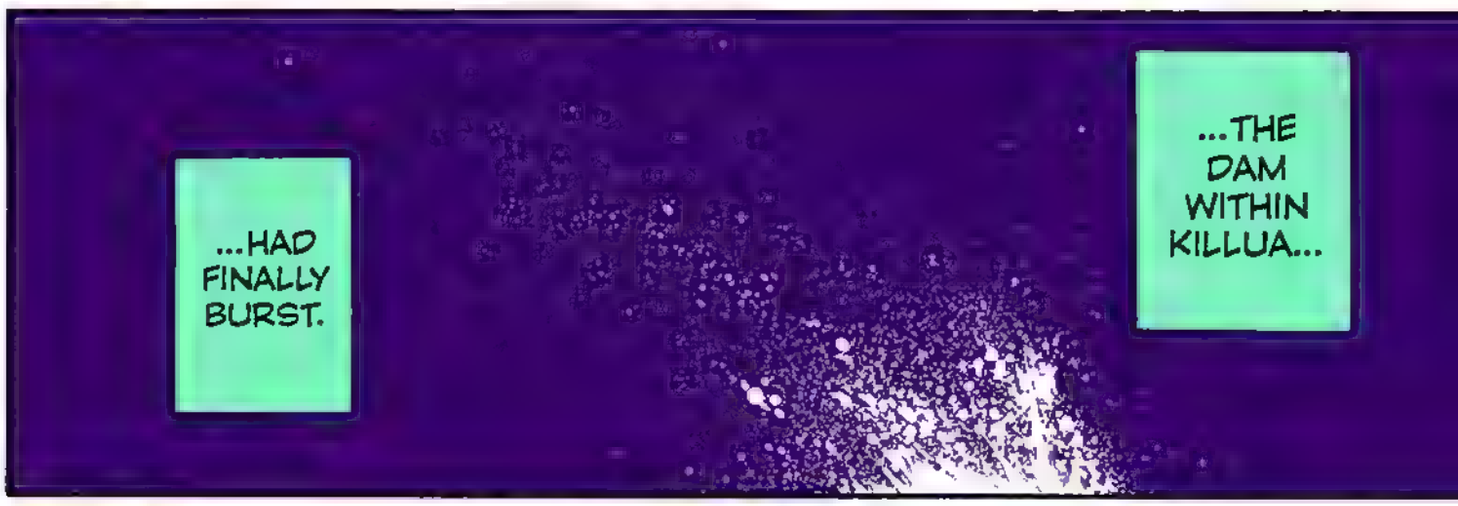
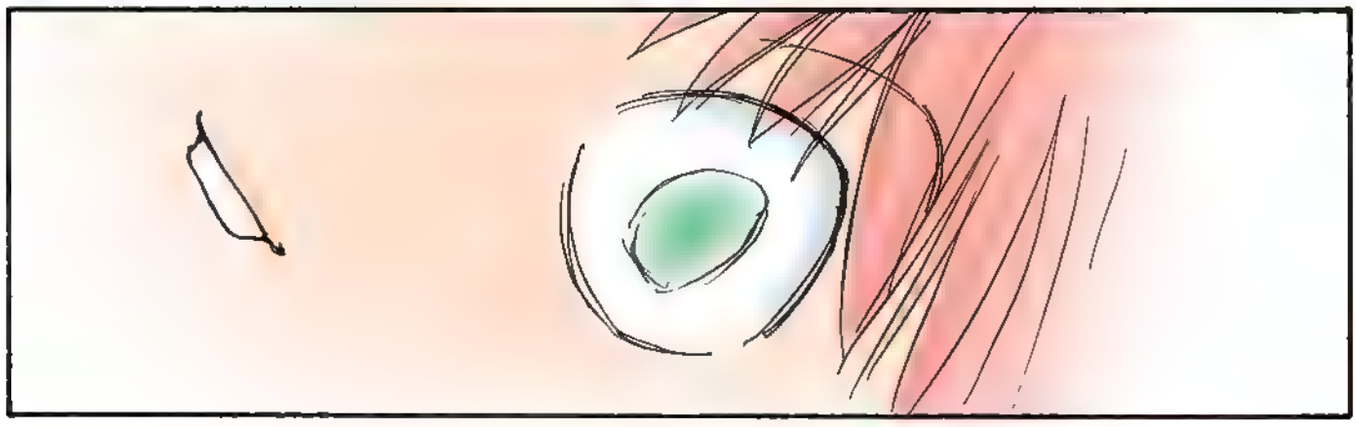
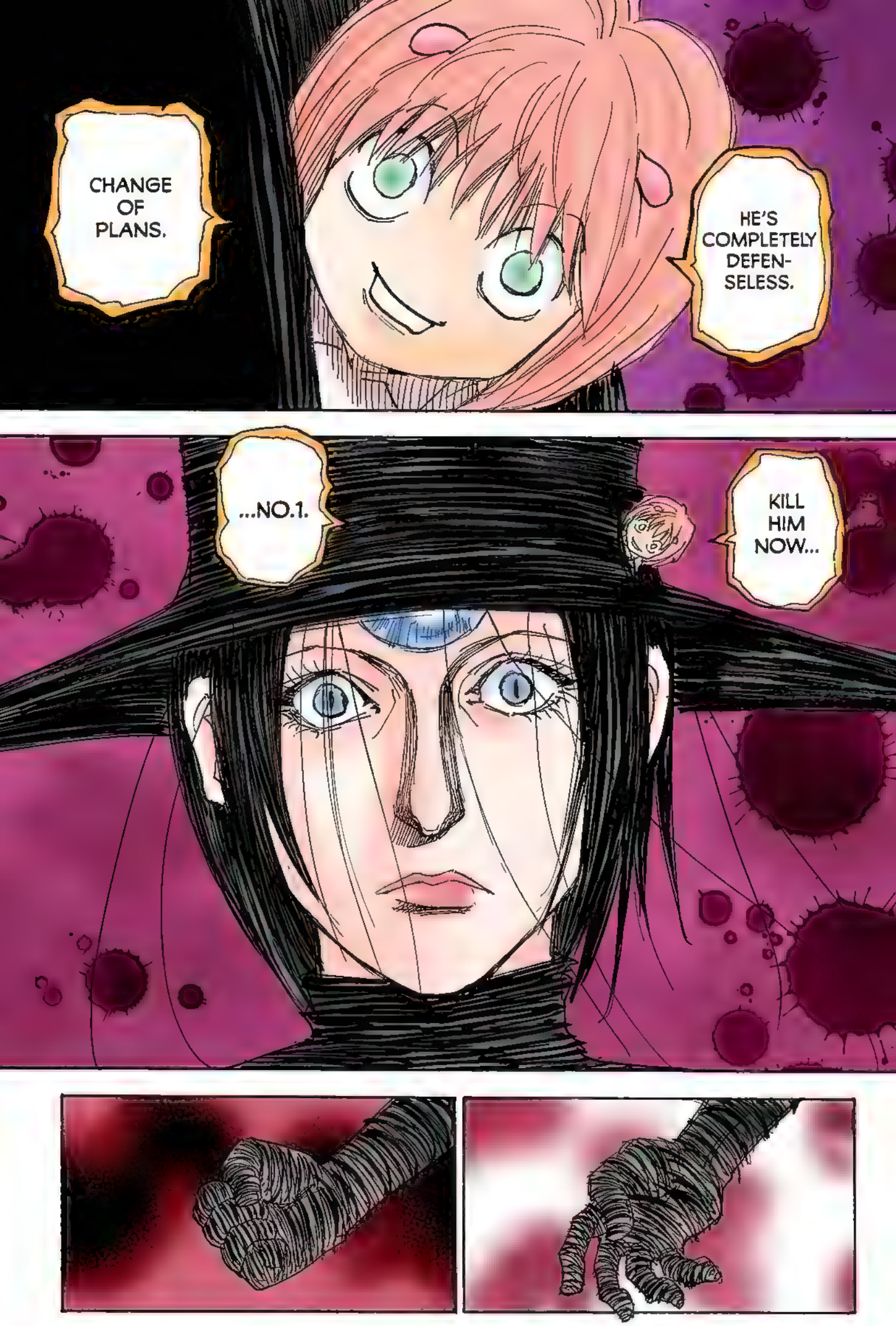
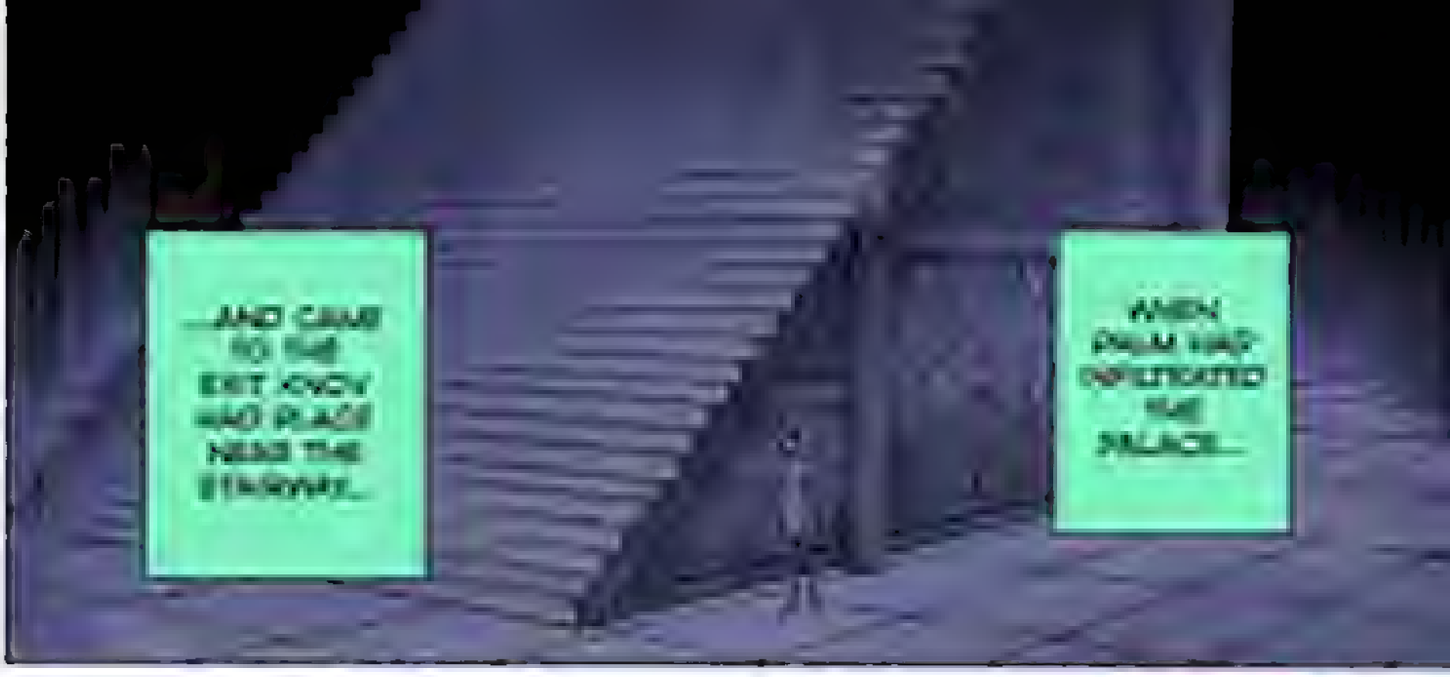
...DO ANY-THING ...!!
ONCE HE'D SAID THOSE WORDS ...


...HAD FINALLY BURST.
...THE DAM WITHIN KILLUA...




CHANGE OF PLANS.
HE'S COMPLETELY DEFEN-SELESS.
...NO.1.
KILL HIM NOW...

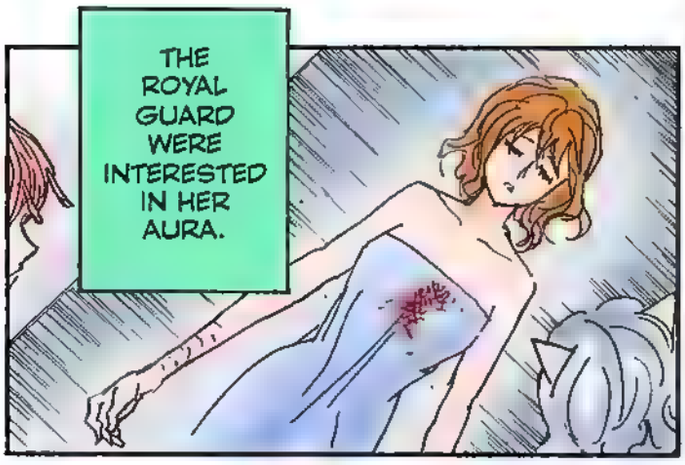

...AND CAME TO THE EXIT KNOW WHO PLACE NEAR THE STAIRWAY...
WHEN DALIA HAD INFILTRATED THE PALACE...

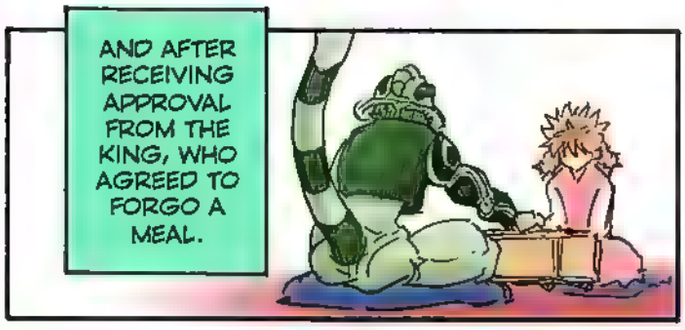
SURROUNDED BY THE BRUTALITY THAT SLAGA HAS FELT AS THOUGH SHE'D BE CRUSHED TO DUST.
SHE EXPERIENCED THE SAME SENSATION KNOW WHO

PITOU'S "EN" SWITCHED ON.

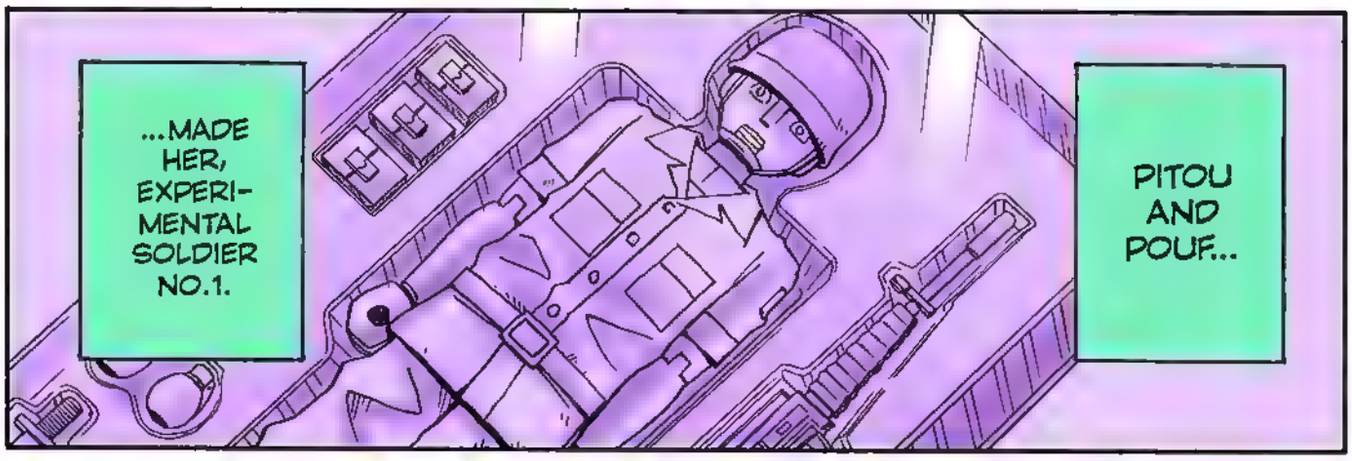
THE ENTITY TO TAKE HER OWN LIFE, SO SHE WOULD LOOK LIKE A HELPLESS VICTIM WHO COULD NOT BEAR BEING VIOLATED HER.
AS SHE WATCHED DOLF SLOWLY AND SILENTLY DESCEND THE STAIRS, SHE MADE HER DECISION.

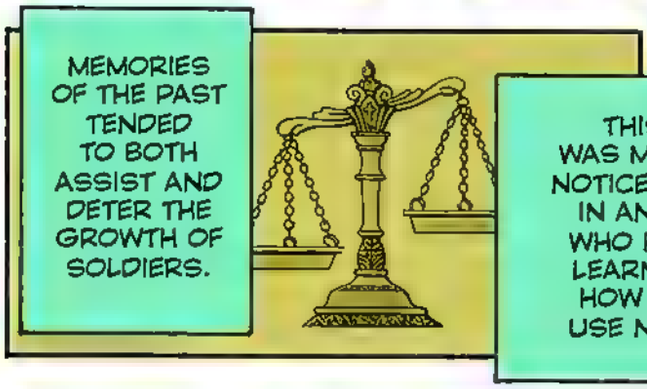
...PITOU PREVENTED THAT FROM HAPPENING.
...HOWEVER...

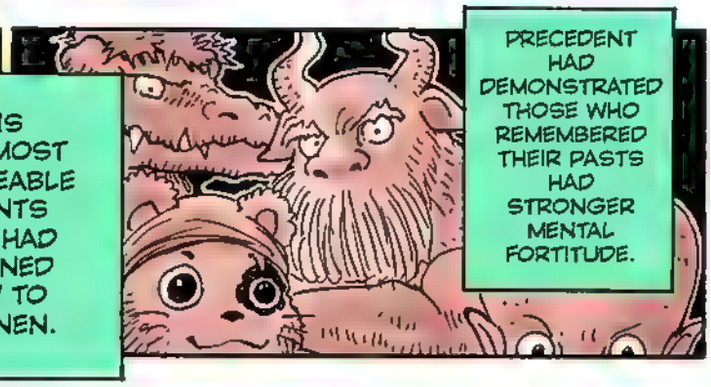

THE ROYAL GUARD WERE INTERESTED IN HER AURA.


AND AFTER RECEIVING APPROVAL FROM THE KING, WHO AGREED TO FORGO A MEAL.

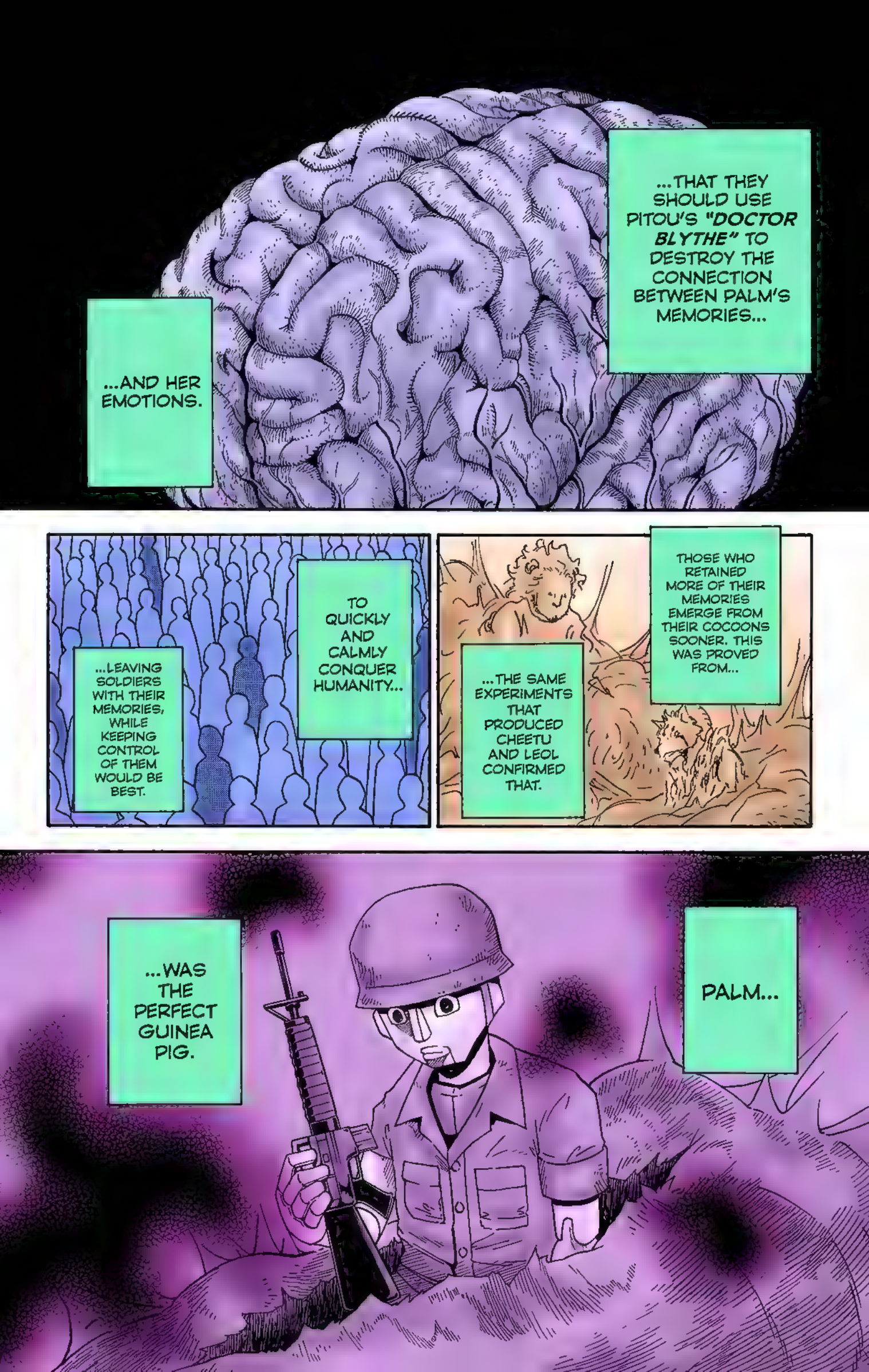
AS ONE CANNOT HELP BUT SHIVER IN THE COLD...
...NO ONE COULD BLAME PALM FOR REFLEXIVELY USING AURA TO PROTECT HERSELF FROM PITOU'S EVIL AURA AT THE MOMENT SHE WAS EXPOSED TO IT.

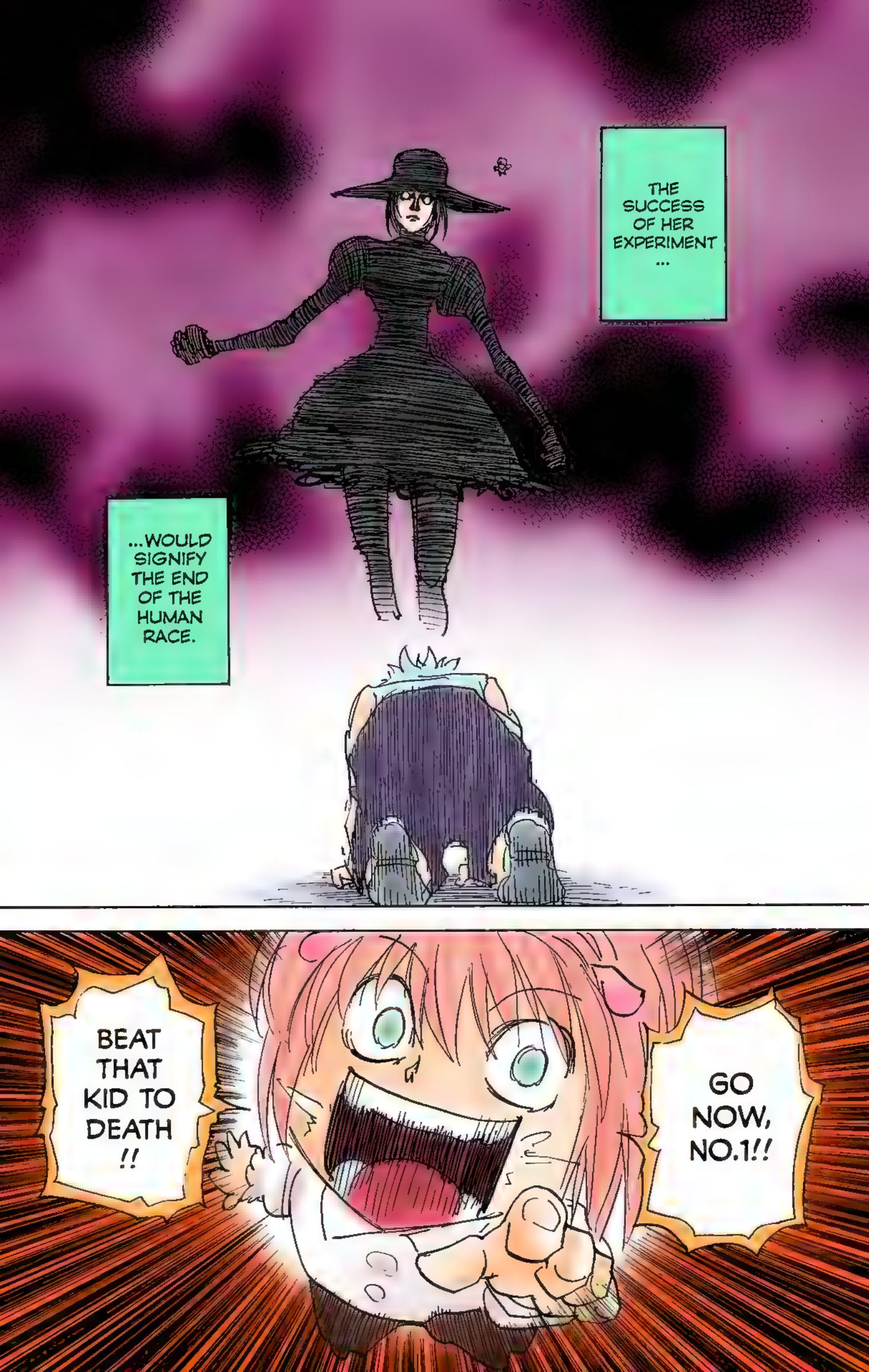

...MADE HER, EXPERI-MENTAL SOLDIER NO.1.
PITOU AND POUF...

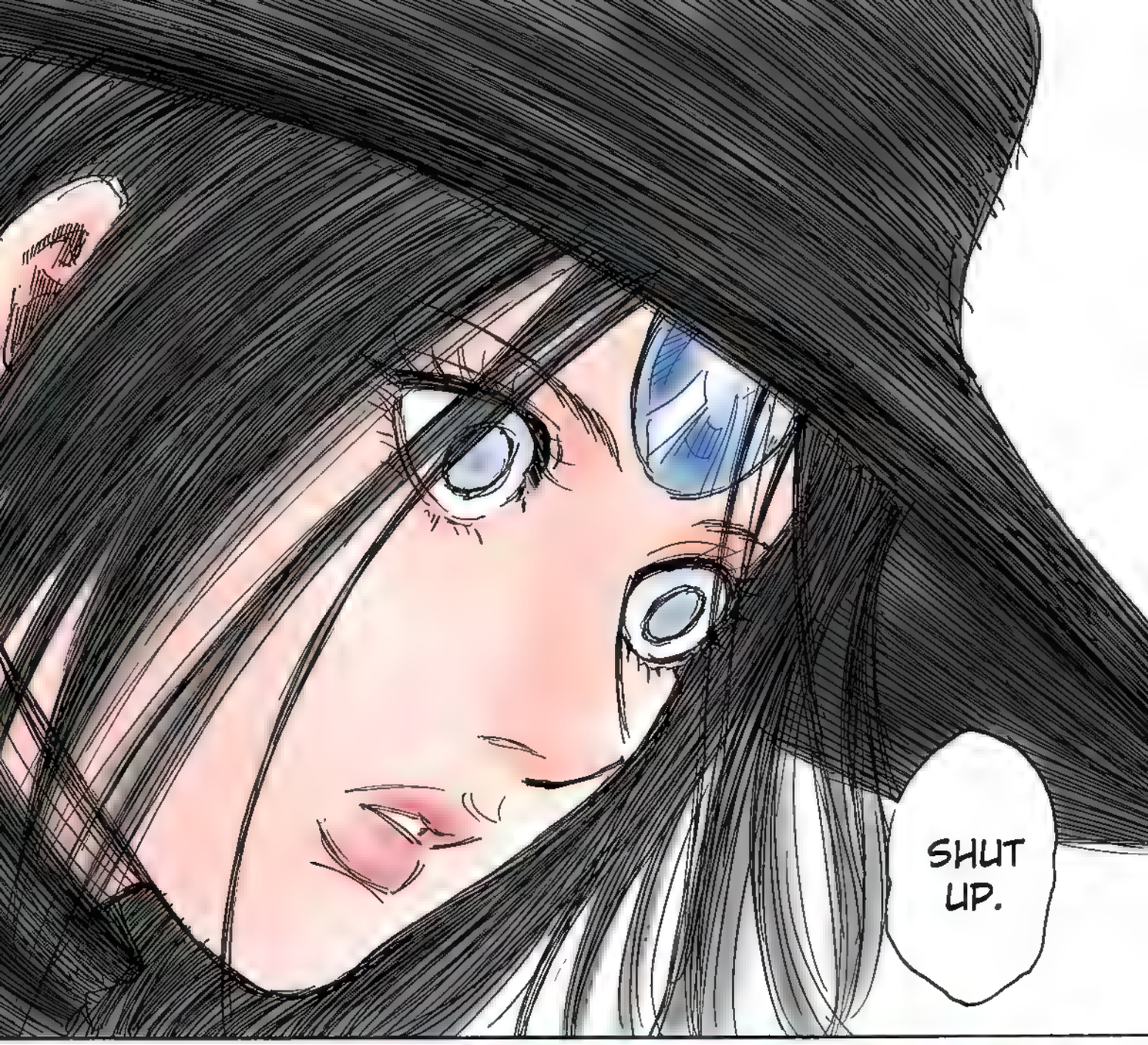

MEMORIES OF THE PAST TENDED TO BOTH ASSIST AND DETER THE GROWTH OF SOLDIERS.


THIS WAS MOST NOTICEABLE IN ANTS WHO HAD LEARNED HOW TO USE NEN.
PRECEDENT HAD DEMONSTRATED THOSE WHO REMEMBERED THEIR PASTS HAD STRONGER MENTAL FORTITUDE.

THUS THE TWO ROYAL GUARDS CONCLUDED...
DETERRENCE GENERALLY HAPPENED WHEN MEMORIES LED TO EMOTIONAL REACTIONS.


...THAT THEY SHOULD USE PITOU'S "DOCTOR BLYTHE" TO DESTROY THE CONNECTION BETWEEN PALM'S MEMORIES...
...AND HER EMOTIONS.
TO QUICKLY AND CALMLY CONQUER HUMANITY...
...LEAVING SOLDIERS WITH THEIR MEMORIES, WHILE KEEPING CONTROL OF THEM WOULD BE BEST.
THOSE WHO RETAINED MORE OF THEIR MEMORIES EMERGE FROM THEIR COCOONS SOONER. THIS WAS PROVED FROM...
...THE SAME EXPERIMENTS THAT PRODUCED CHEETU AND LEOL CONFIRMED THAT.
...WAS THE PERFECT GUINEA PIG.
PALM...


THE SUCCESS OF HER EXPERIMENT ...
...WOULD SIGNIFY THE END OF THE HUMAN RACE.
BEAT THAT KID TO DEATH !!
GO NOW, NO.1!!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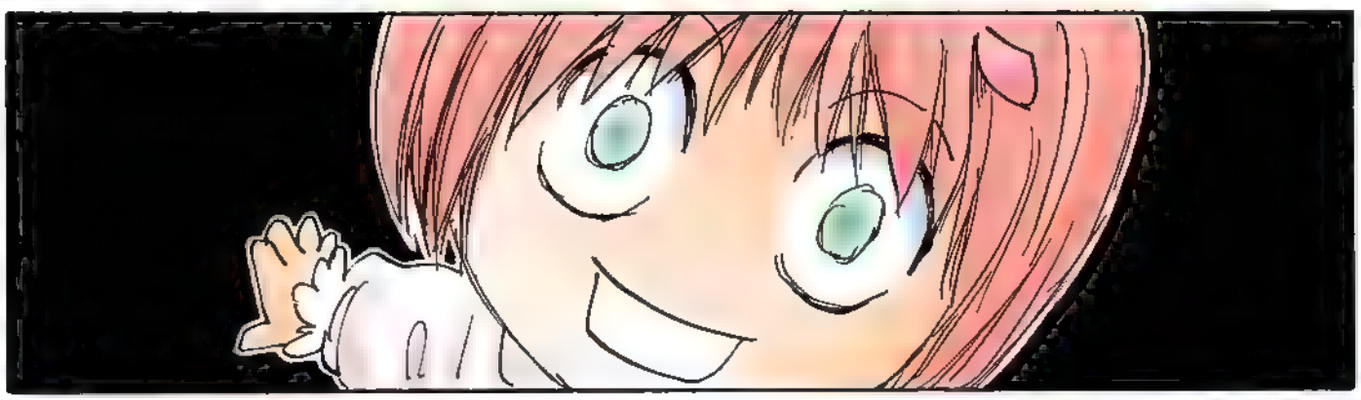
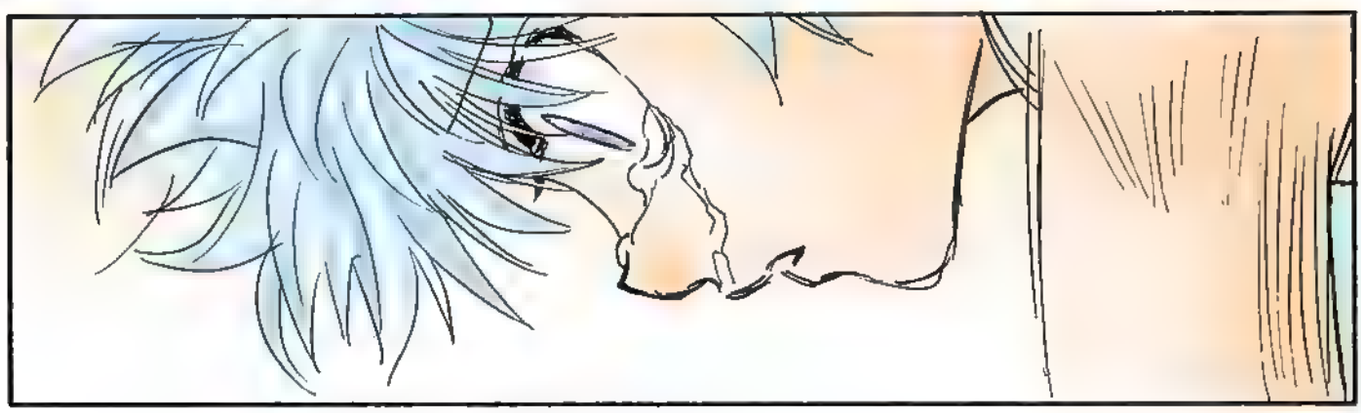
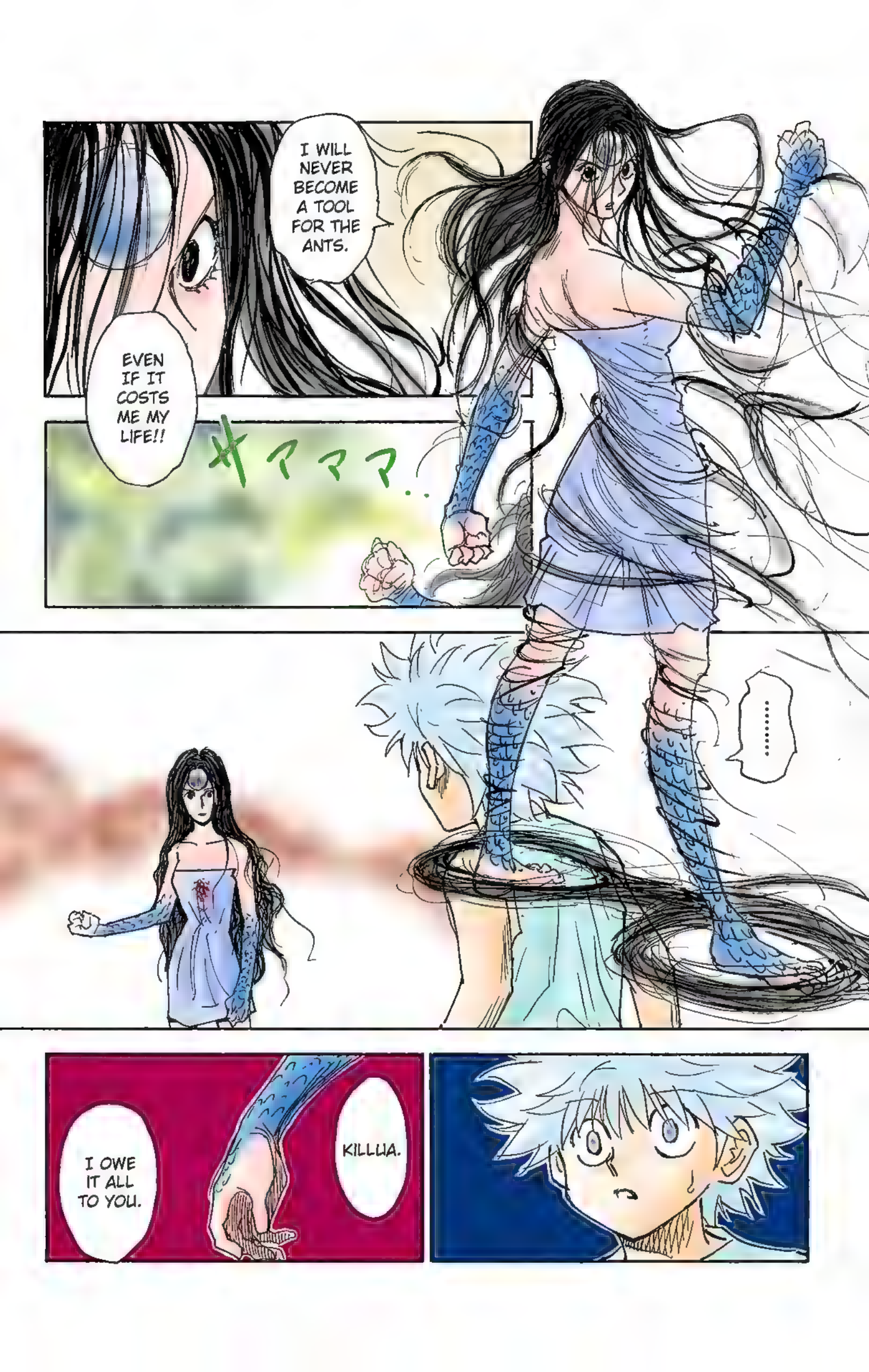




NOT NUMBER ONE!!
I AM, PALM SIBERIA!!


I WILL NEVER BECOME A TOOL FOR THE ANTS.
EVEN IF IT COSTS ME MY LIFE!!
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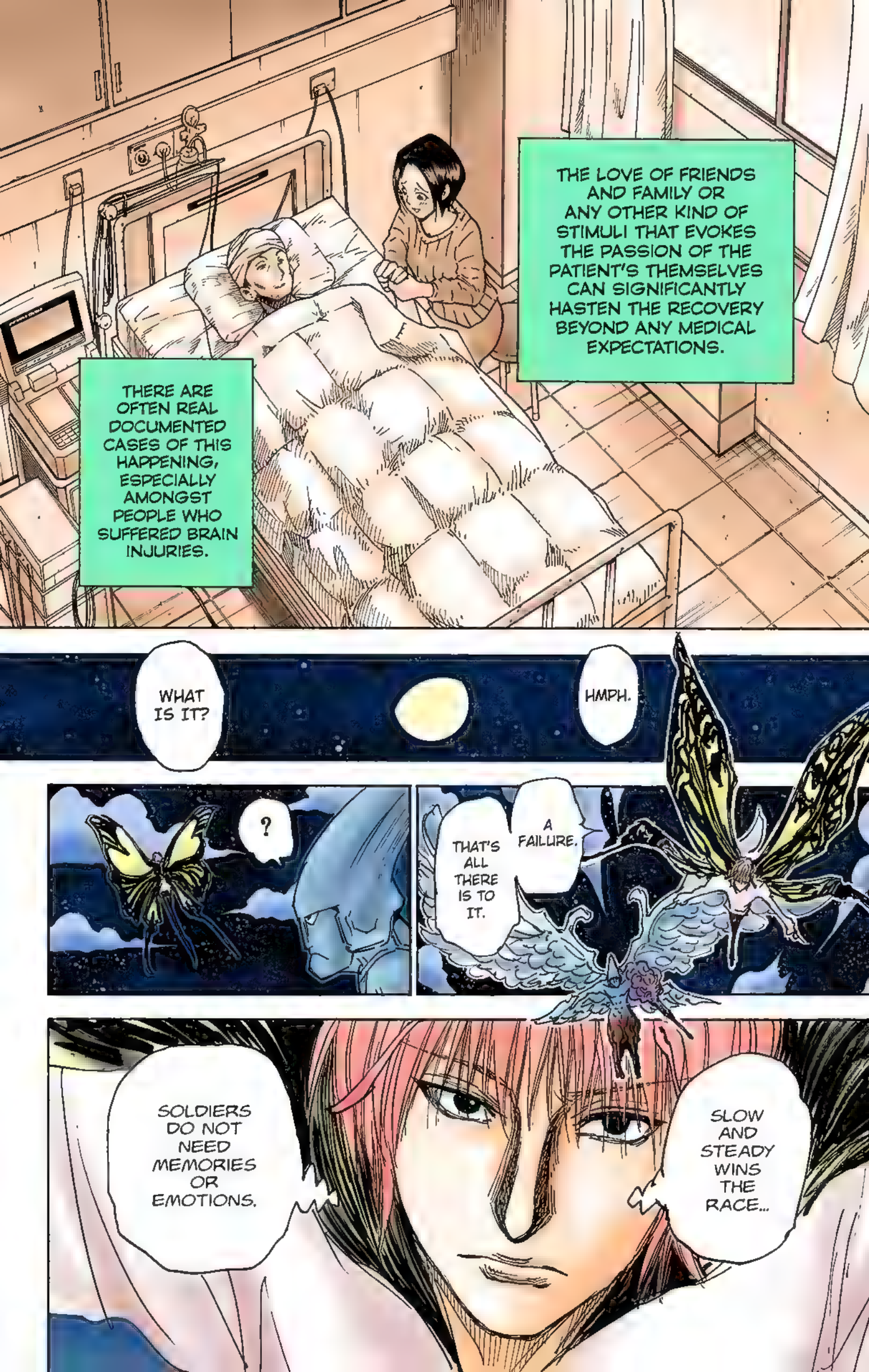
I OWE IT ALL TO YOU.
KILLUA.

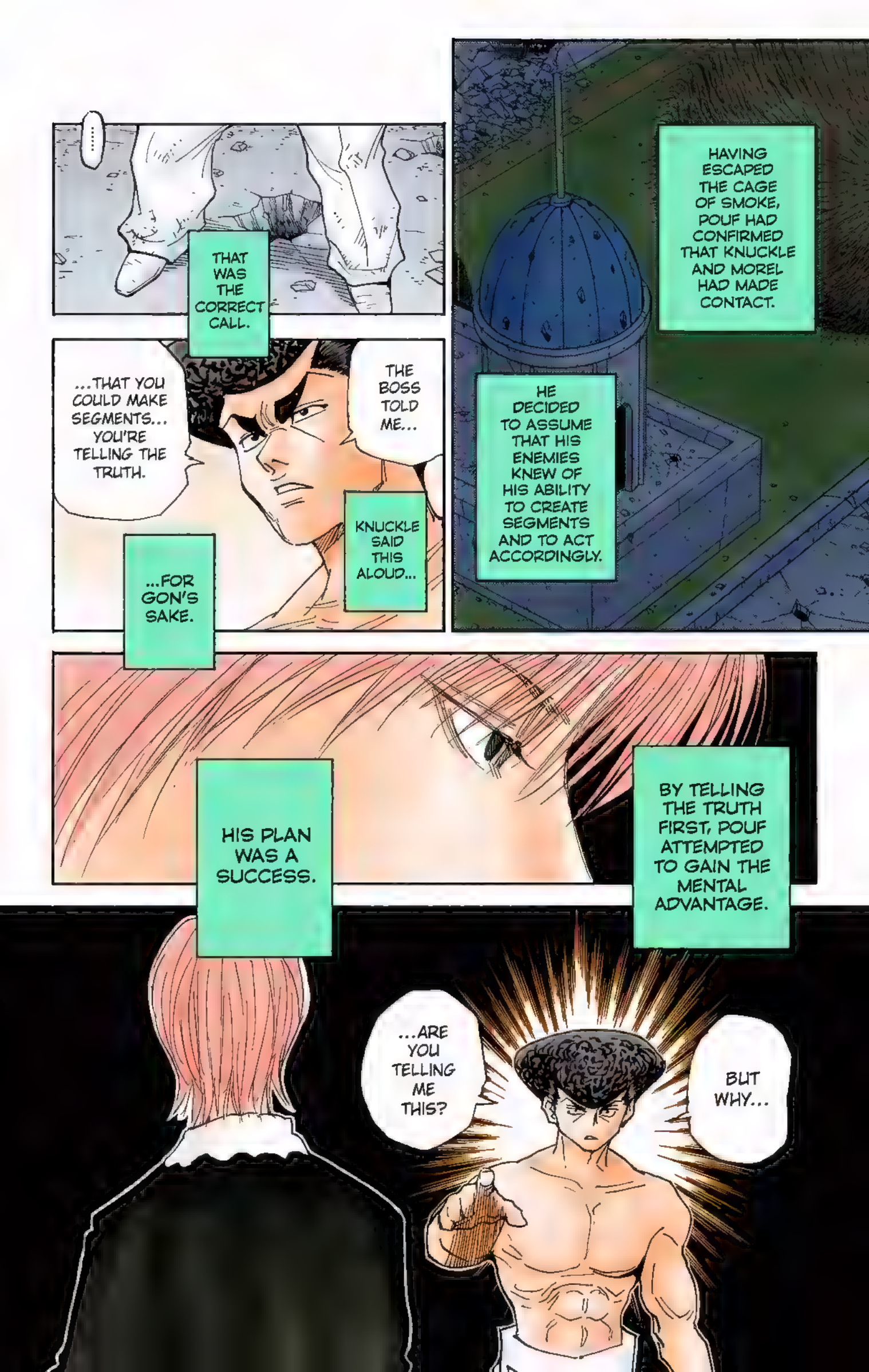
I'VE BEEN LIKE THIS SINCE I WOKE UP.
THERE WAS A WALL INSIDE MY HEAD. MY EMOTIONS WERE SEPERATED FROM MY BODY. I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.
BUT DON'T FORGET ...
I'LL GLADLY DO ANYTHING TO HELP GON.
DON'T EVER THINK THAT YOU'RE POWER-LESS.
YOU REMOVED THAT WALL.
...IS YOU.
THE PERSON GON NEEDS THE MOST...

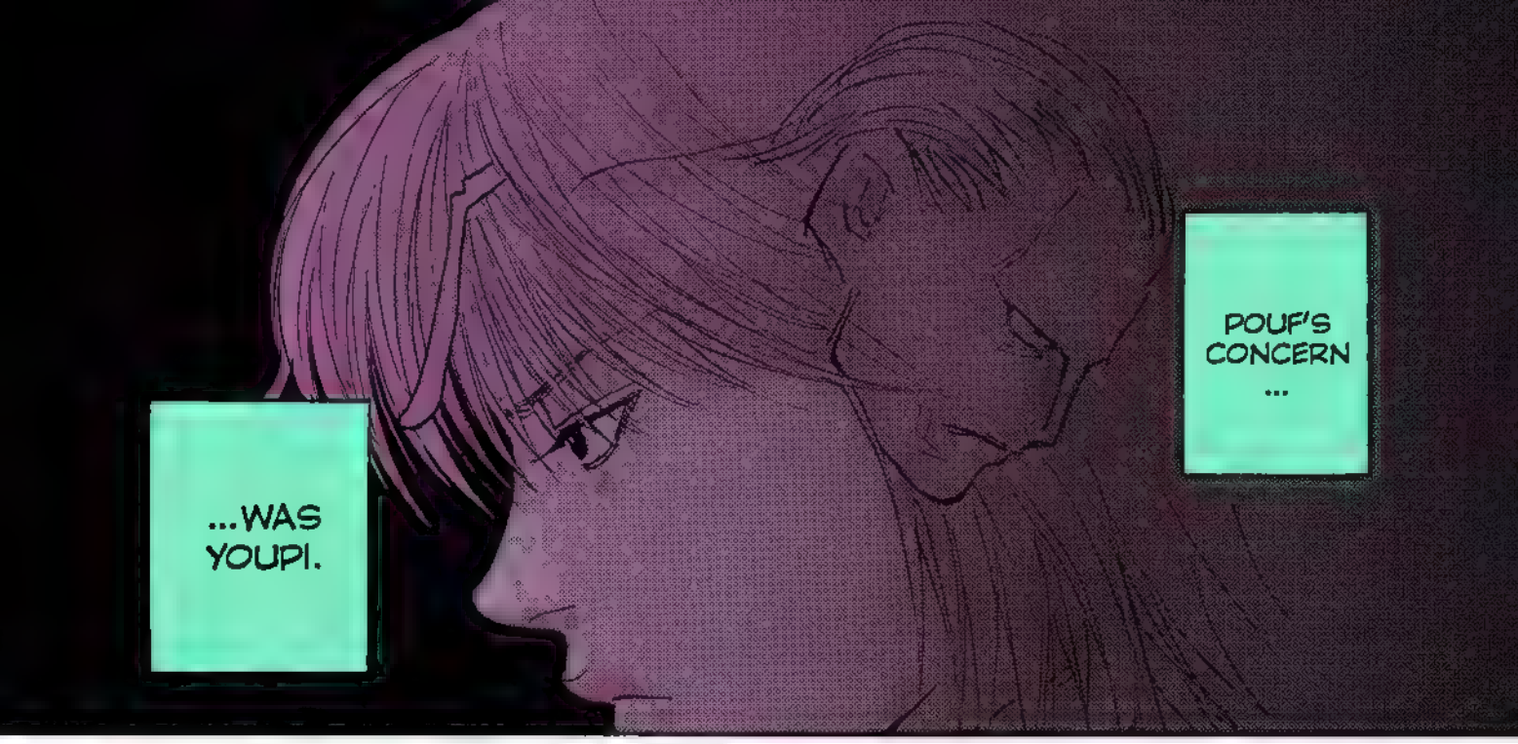

THE LOVE OF FRIENDS AND FAMILY OR ANY OTHER KIND OF STIMULI THAT EVOKES THE PASSION OF THE PATIENT'S THEMSELVES CAN SIGNIFICANTLY HASTEN THE RECOVERY BEYOND ANY MEDICAL EXPECTATIONS.
THERE ARE OFTEN REAL DOCUMENTED CASES OF THIS HAPPENING, ESPECIALLY AMONGST PEOPLE WHO SUFFERED BRAIN INJURIES.
WHAT IS IT?
HMPH.
?
THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT.
A FAILURE.
SOLDIERS DO NOT NEED MEMORIES OR EMOTIONS.
SLOW AND STEADY WINS THE RACE...

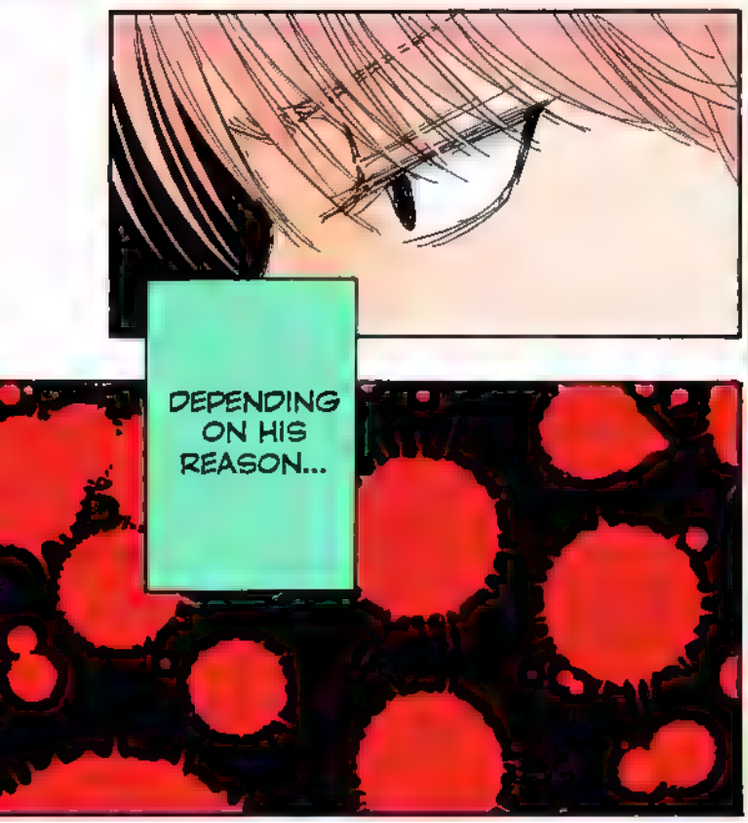
...A NEW KINGDOM!
...TO BUILD...
I CAN CREATE SOLDIERS ON MY OWN...!
WHICH ALSO MEANS I NO LONGER NEED PITOU'S ABILITY...
...MAKE IT EASIER...
THAT WOULD...
I'LL TAKE YOU ON.
FINE.
FOR THE KING AND MYSELF...
FIRST, I...
BUT...
A NEW KINGDOM.

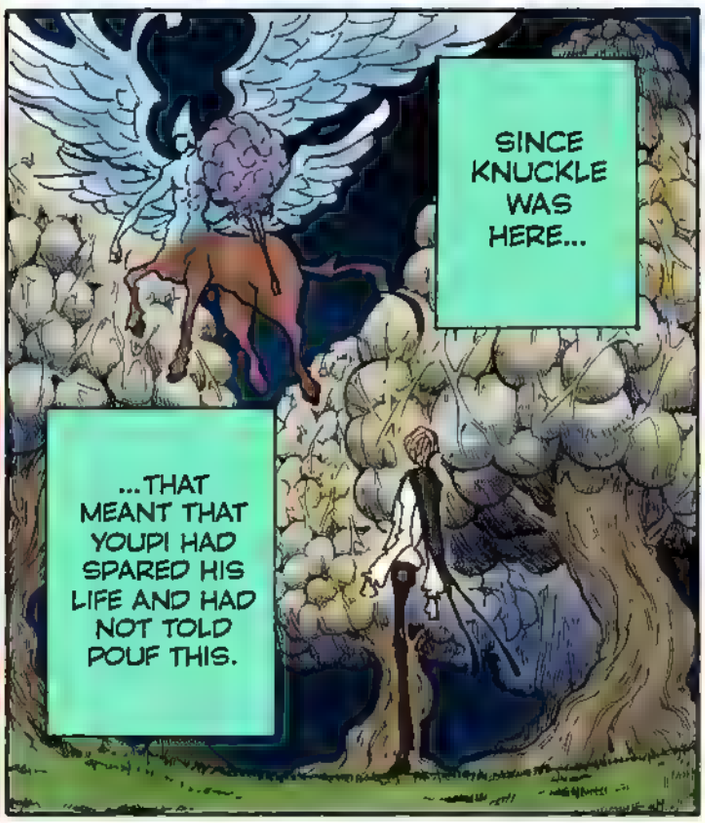
No.295 ◆ DETERMINATION

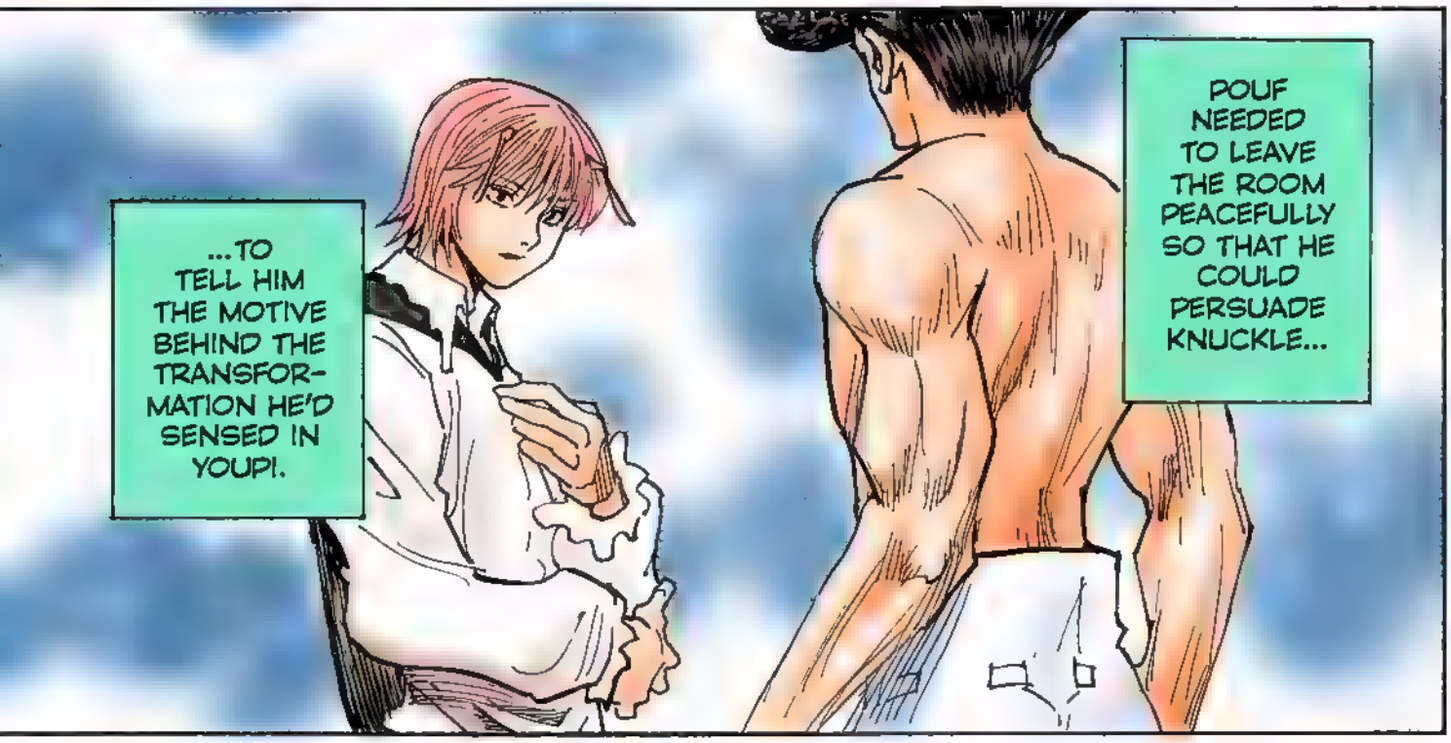
I HAVE SOME-THING TO SAY.
BUT FIRST...
...THAT STANDS BEFORE YOU, IS BUT A SEGMENT.
THIS BODY...
...IS ALREADY ON ITS WAY TO THE KING.
MY REAL BODY...

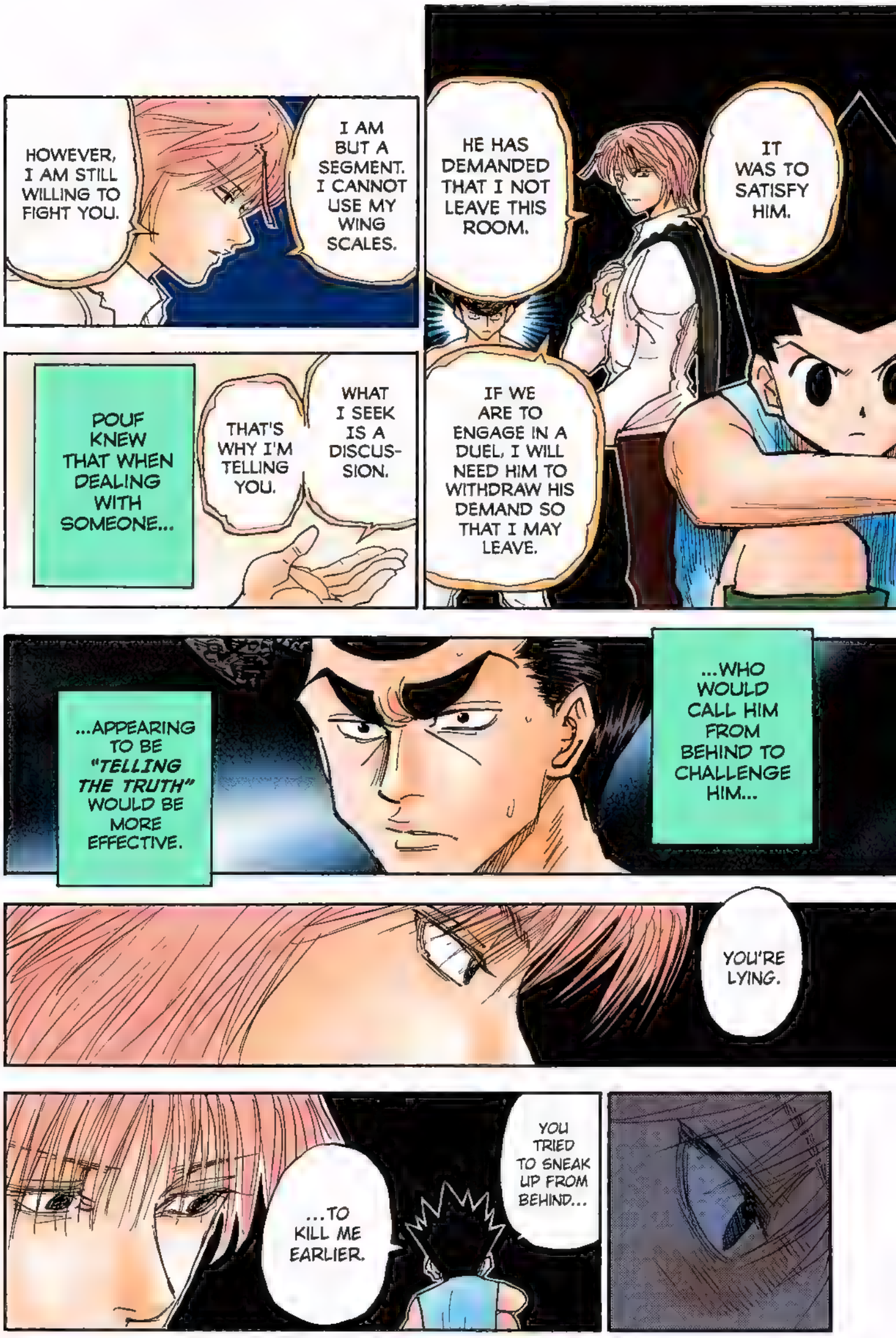

.....
THAT WAS THE CORRECT CALL.
HAVING ESCAPED THE CAGE OF SMOKE, POUF HAD CONFIRMED THAT KNUCKLE AND MOREL HAD MADE CONTACT.
...THAT YOU COULD MAKE SEGMENTS... YOU'RE TELLING THE TRUTH.
THE BOSS TOLD ME...
KNUCKLE SAID THIS ALOUD...
HE DECIDED TO ASSUME THAT HIS ENEMIES KNEW OF HIS ABILITY TO CREATE SEGMENTS AND TO ACT ACCORDINGLY.
...FOR GON'S SAKE.
HIS PLAN WAS A SUCCESS.
BY TELLING THE TRUTH FIRST, POUF ATTEMPTED TO GAIN THE MENTAL ADVANTAGE.
...ARE YOU TELLING ME THIS?
BUT WHY...

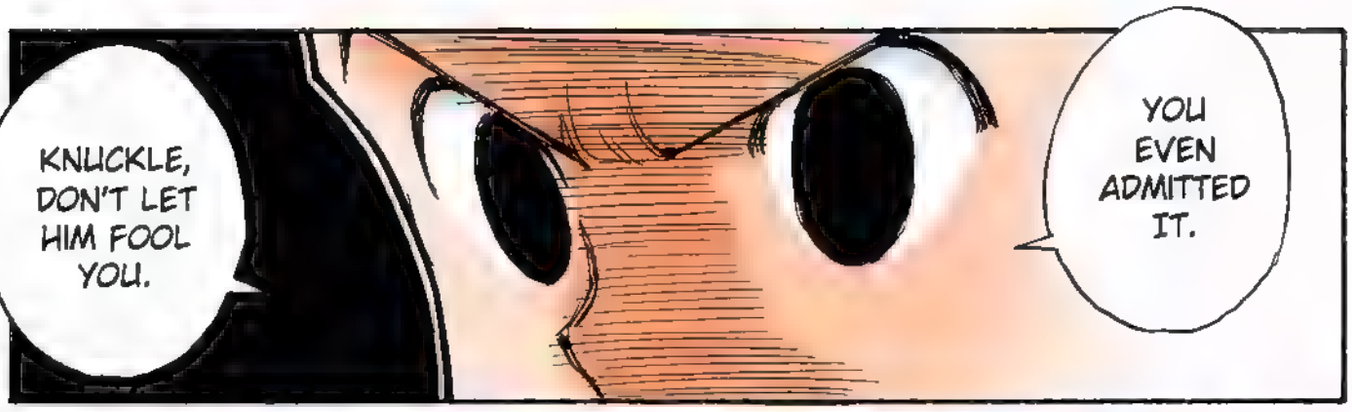

POUF'S CONCERN ...
...WAS YOUPI.

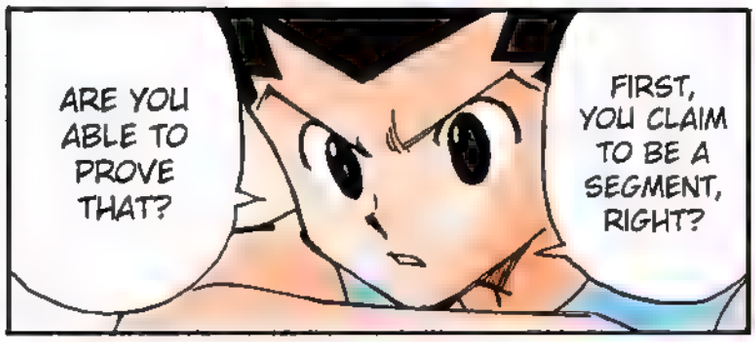

DEPENDING ON HIS REASON...

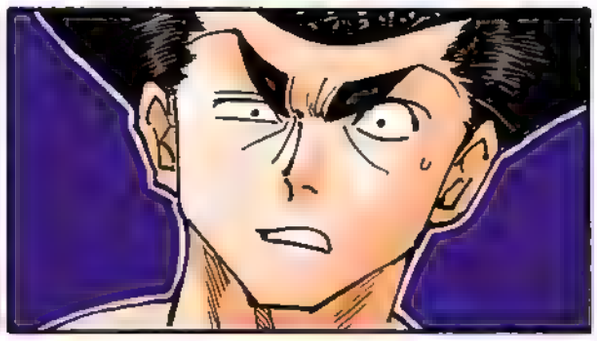

SINCE KNUCKLE WAS HERE...
...THAT MEANT THAT YOUPI HAD SPARED HIS LIFE AND HAD NOT TOLD POUF THIS.

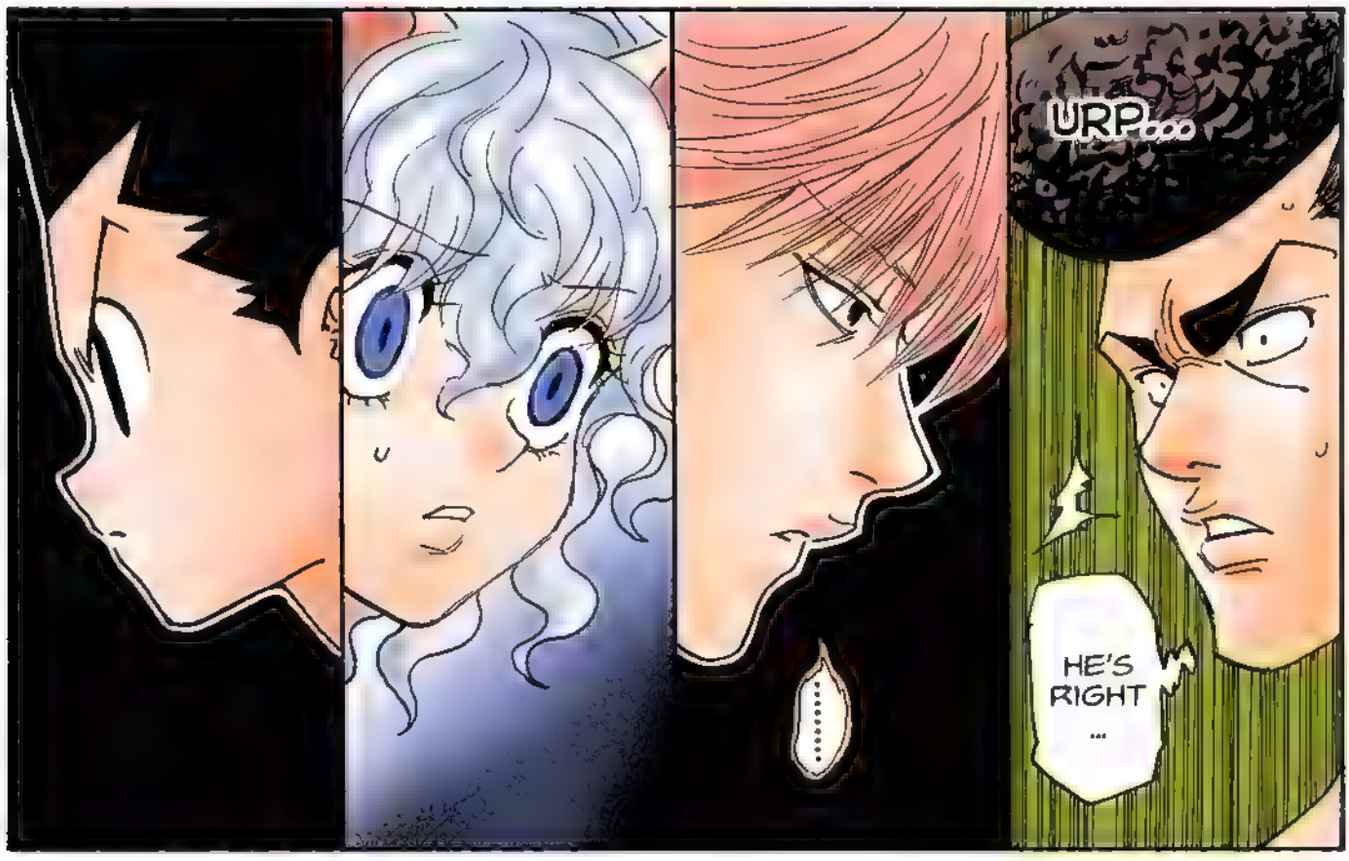

...TO TELL HIM THE MOTIVE BEHIND THE TRANSFOR-MATION HE'D SENSED IN YOUPI.
POUF NEEDED TO LEAVE THE ROOM PEACEFULLY SO THAT HE COULD PERSUADE KNUCKLE...

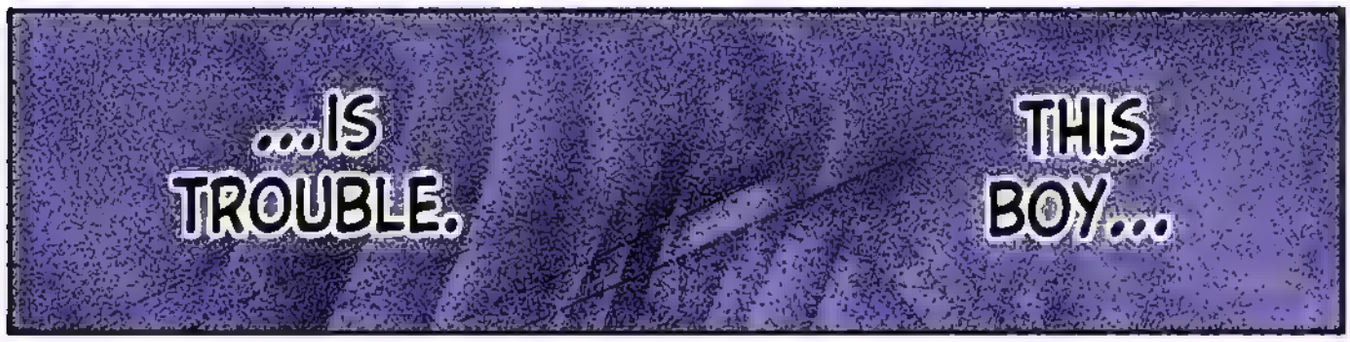

HOWEVER, I AM STILL WILLING TO FIGHT YOU.
I AM BUT A SEGMENT. I CANNOT USE MY WING SCALES.
HE HAS DEMANDED THAT I NOT LEAVE THIS ROOM.
IT WAS TO SATISFY HIM.
IF WE ARE TO ENGAGE IN A DUEL, I WILL NEED HIM TO WITHDRAW HIS DEMAND SO THAT I MAY LEAVE.
POUF KNEW THAT WHEN DEALING WITH SOMEONE...
THAT'S WHY I'M TELLING YOU.
WHAT I SEEK IS A DISCUS-SION.
...APPEARING TO BE "TELLING THE TRUTH" WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE.
...WHO WOULD CALL HIM FROM BEHIND TO CHALLENGE HIM...
YOU'RE LYING.
YOU TRIED TO SNEAK UP FROM BEHIND...
...TO KILL ME EARLIER.


KNUCKLE, DON'T LET HIM FOOL YOU.
YOU EVEN ADMITTED IT.


ARE YOU ABLE TO PROVE THAT?
FIRST, YOU CLAIM TO BE A SEGMENT, RIGHT?

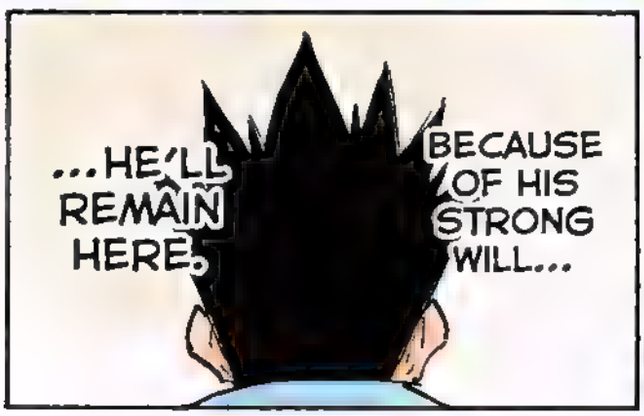


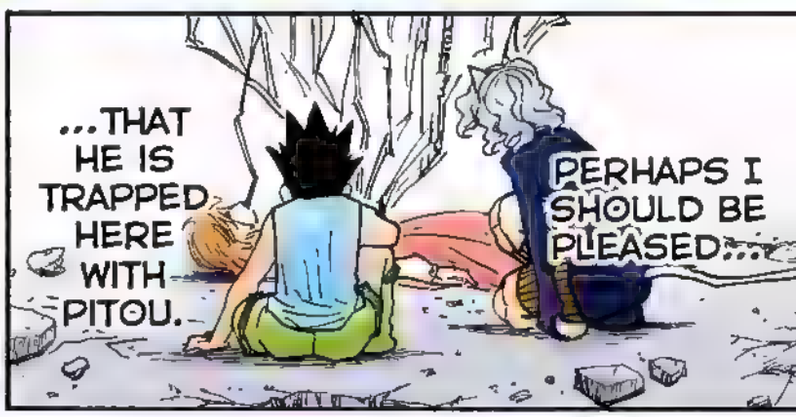

URP...
HE'S RIGHT ...

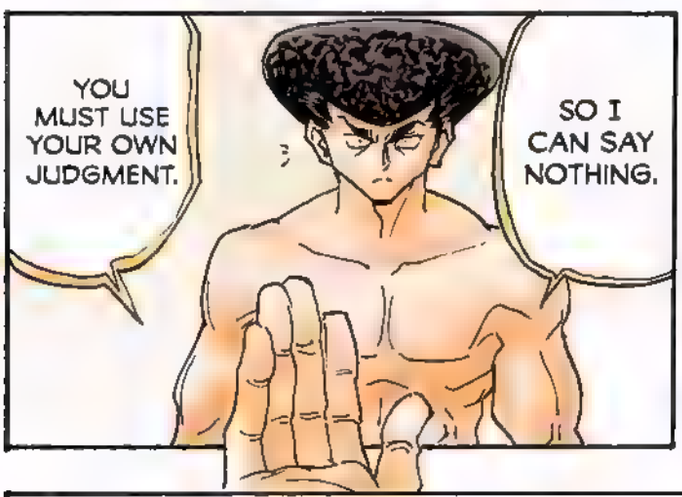

...IS TROUBLE.
THIS BOY...

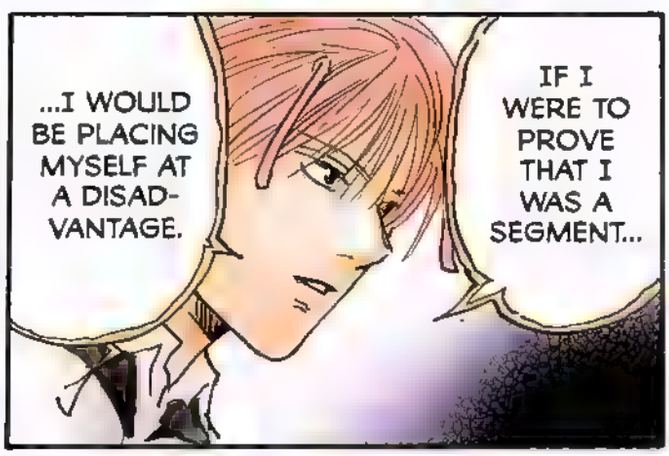
...HE POSSESSES THE STRONGEST WILL!!

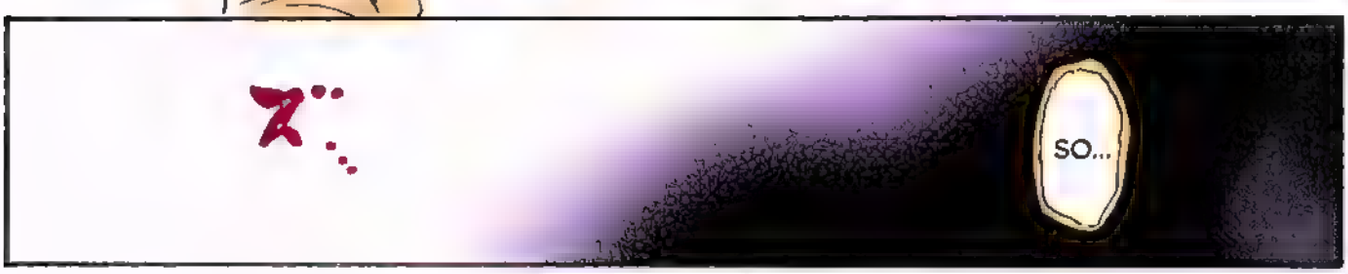
I DARE SAY THAT, OUT OF ALL OF OUR ENEMIES...



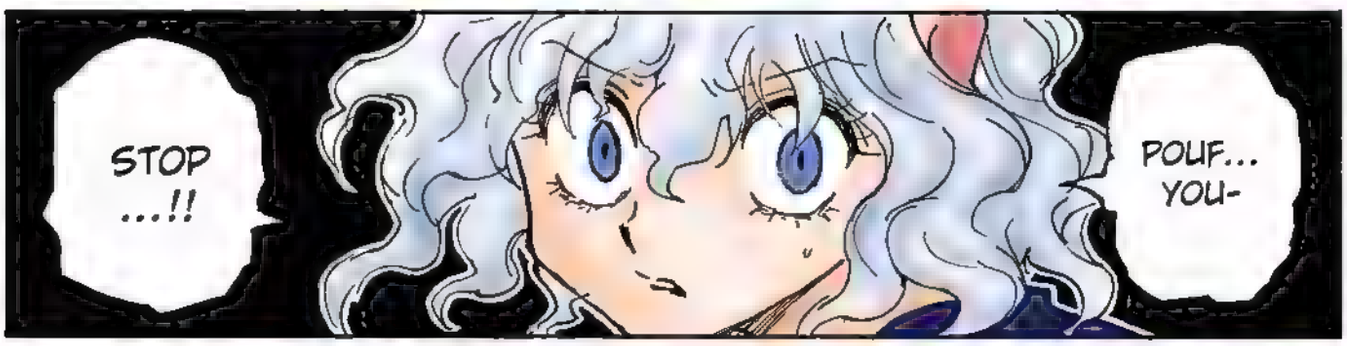


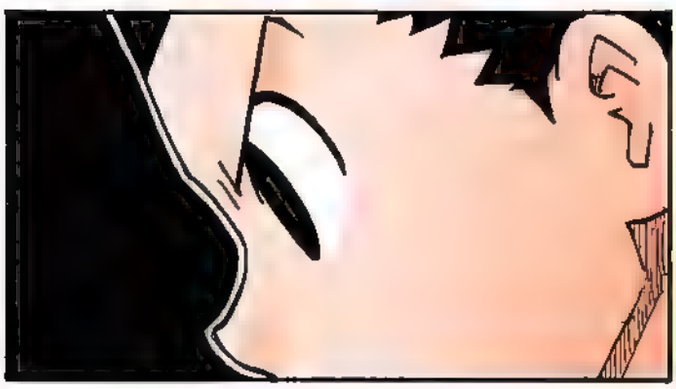


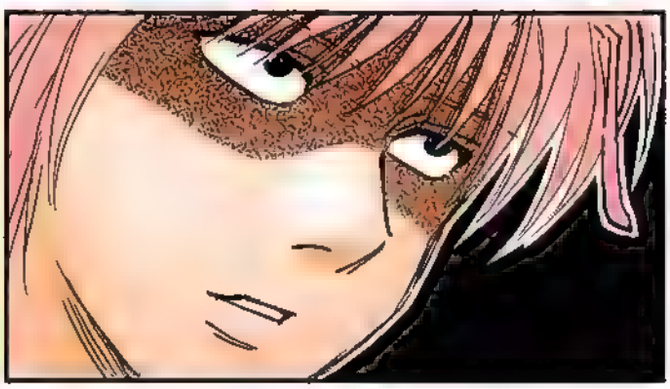


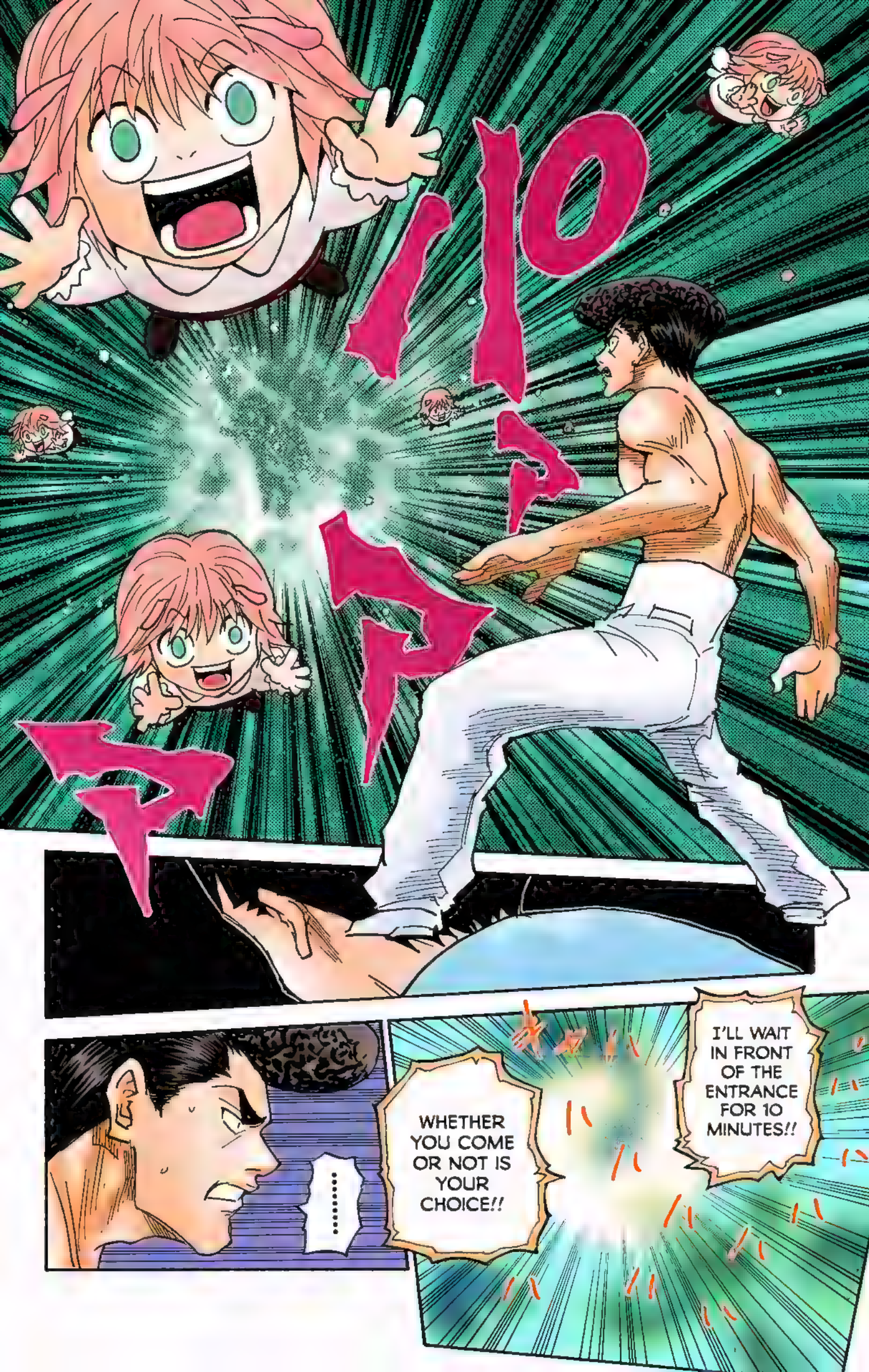


...TO DECIDE WHAT HAPPENS NEXT.
I SHALL ALLOW YOU...


STOP ...!!
POUF... YOU-



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WHETHER YOU COME OR NOT IS YOUR CHOICE!!
I'LL WAIT IN FRONT OF THE ENTRANCE FOR 10 MINUTES!!
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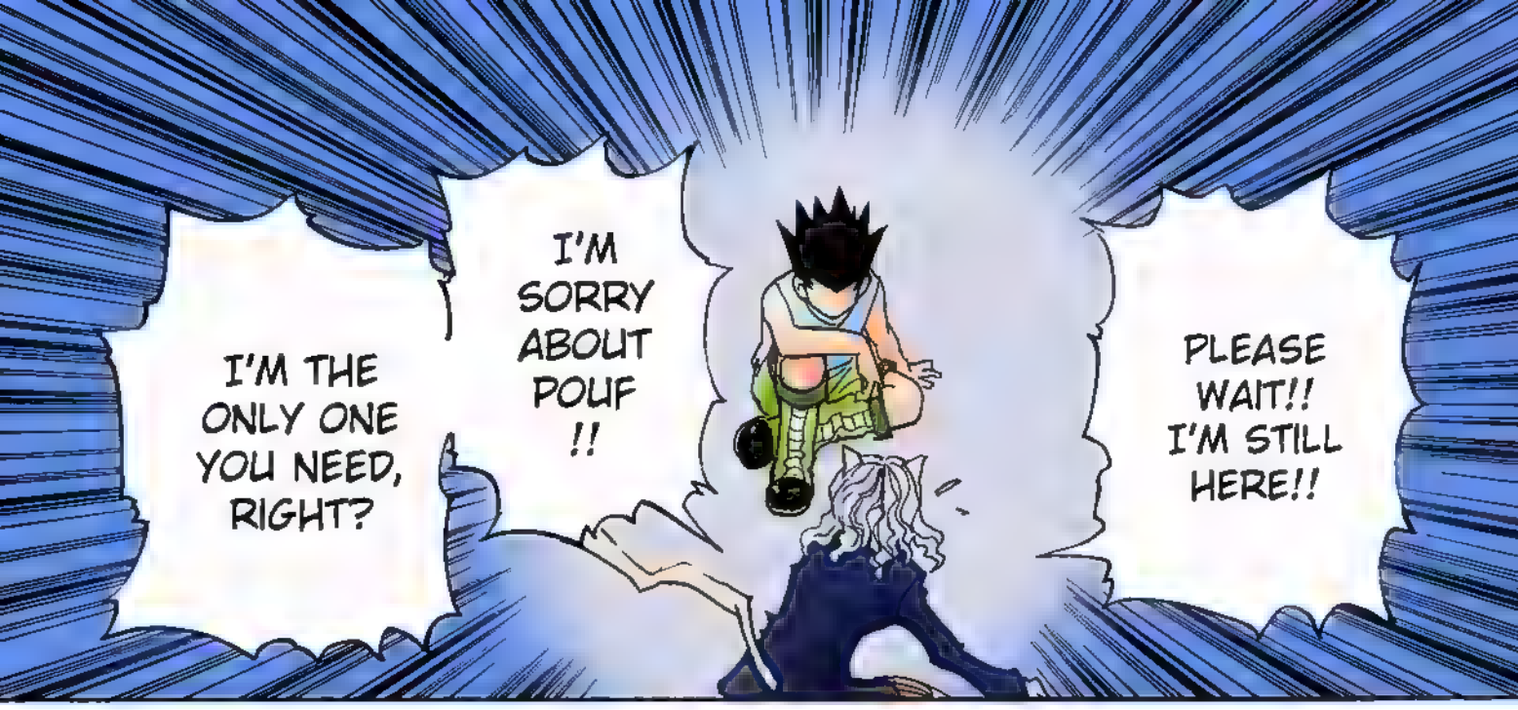
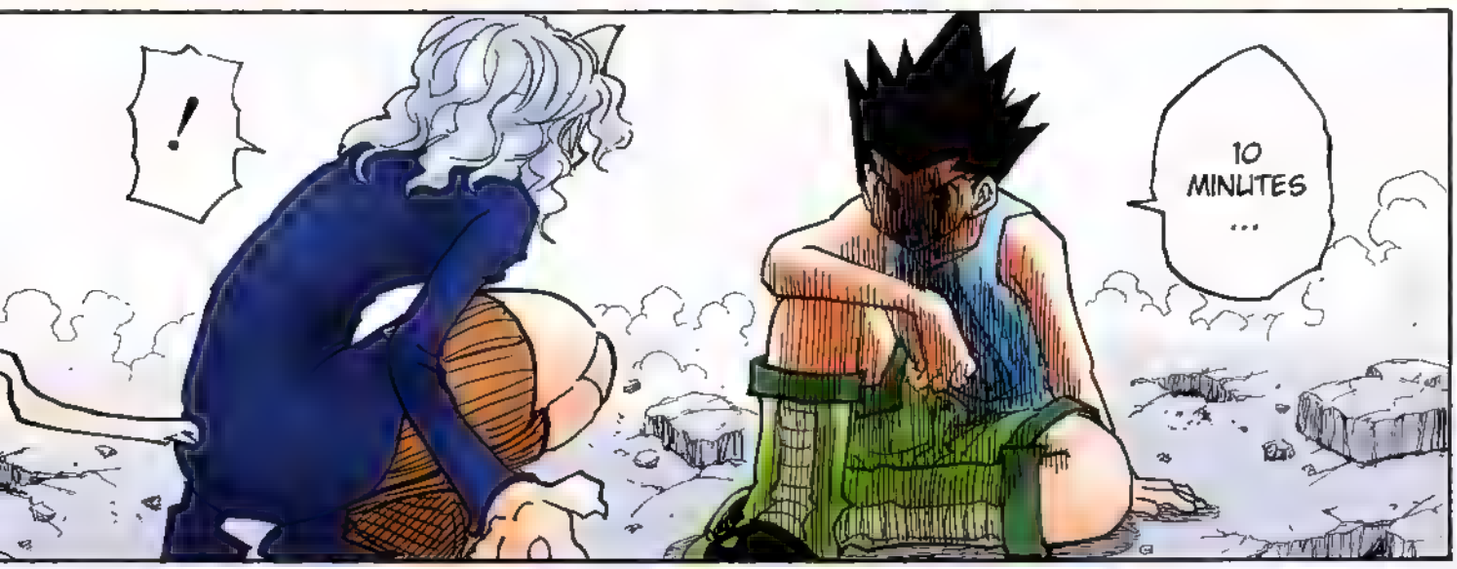

I'M THE ONLY ONE YOU NEED, RIGHT?
I'M SORRY ABOUT POUF !!
PLEASE WAIT!! I'M STILL HERE!!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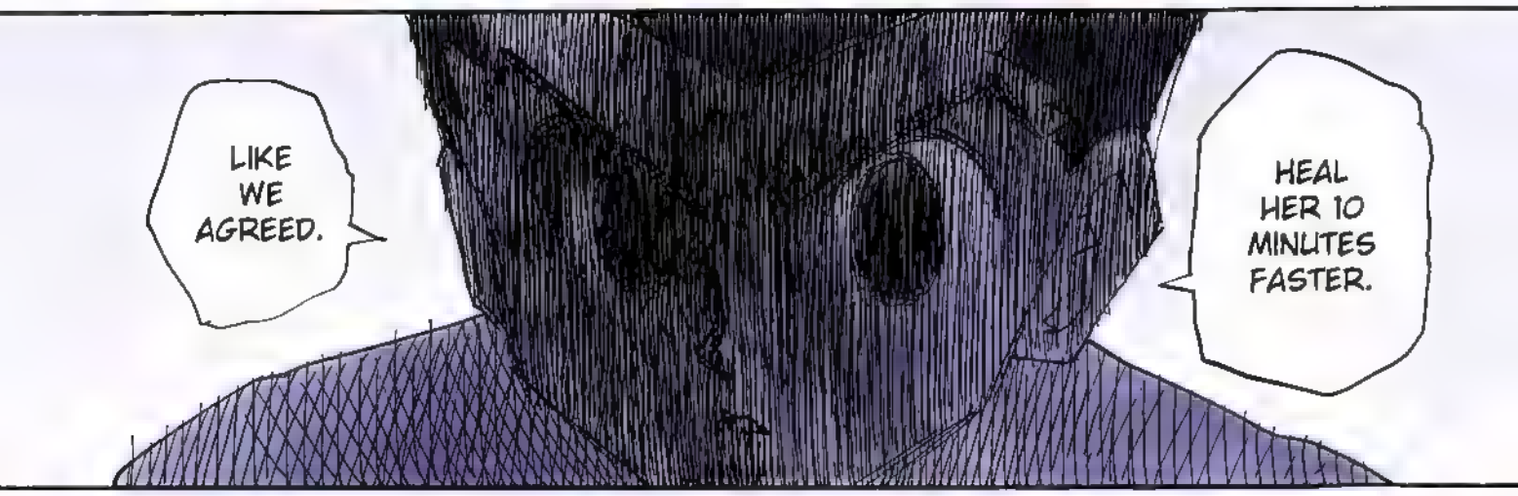
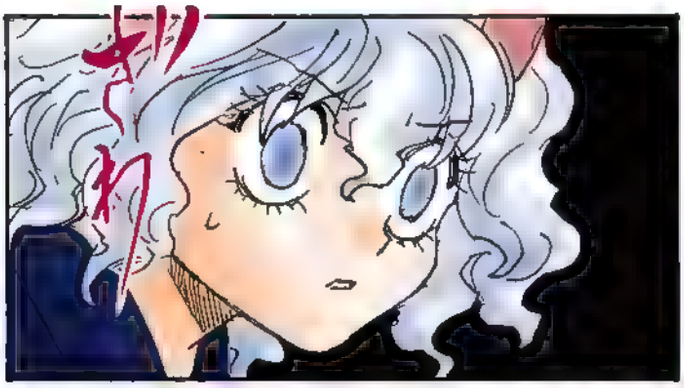
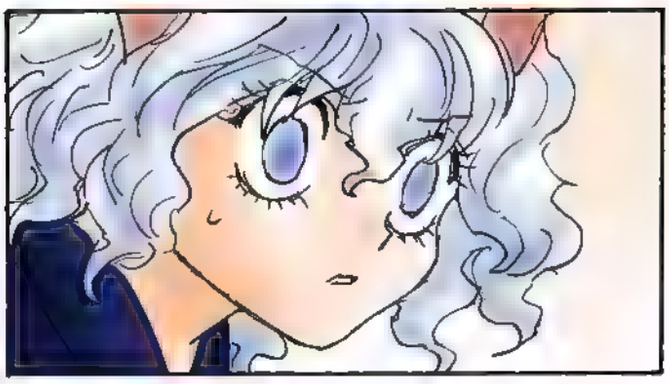
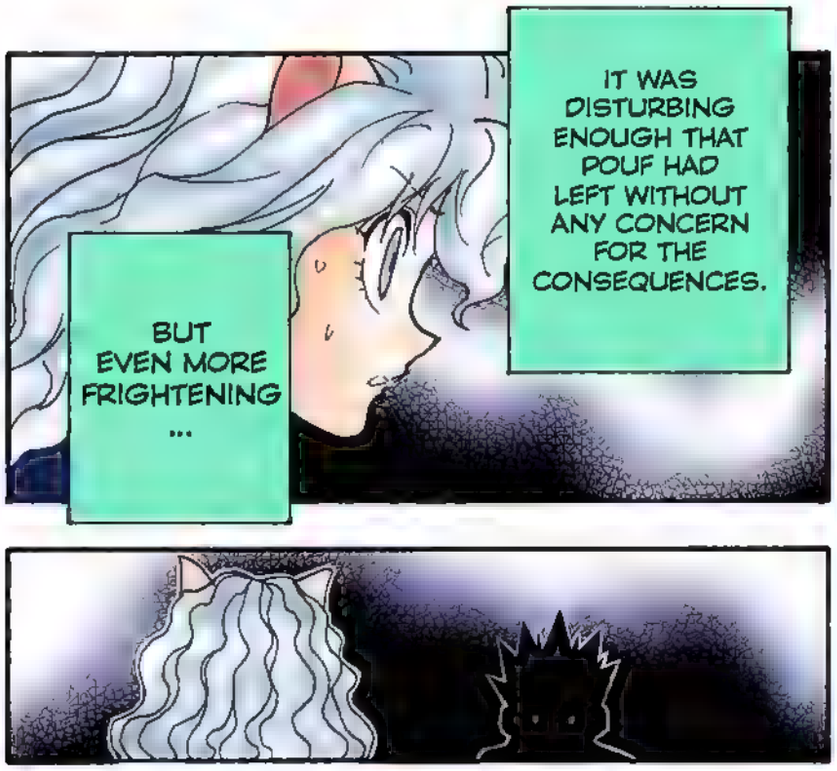
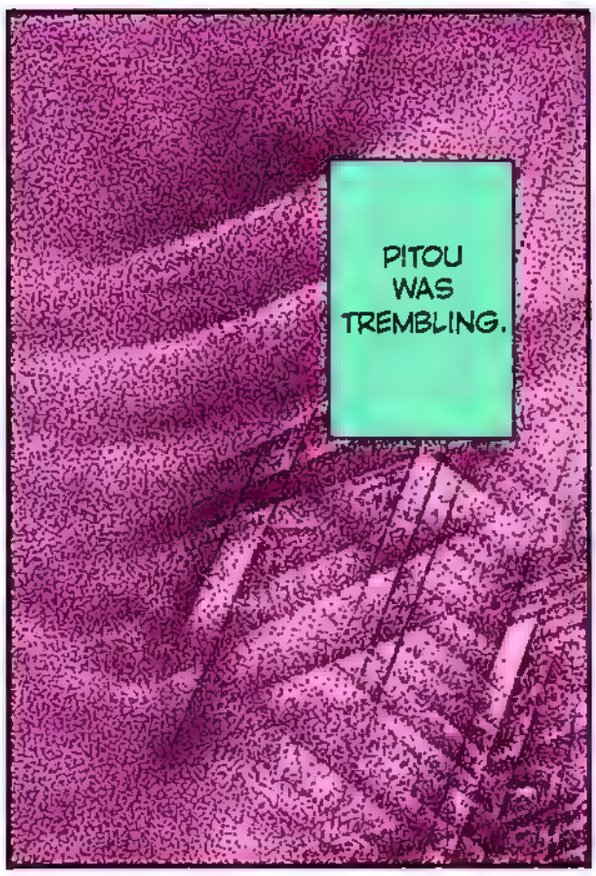
10 MINUTES ...

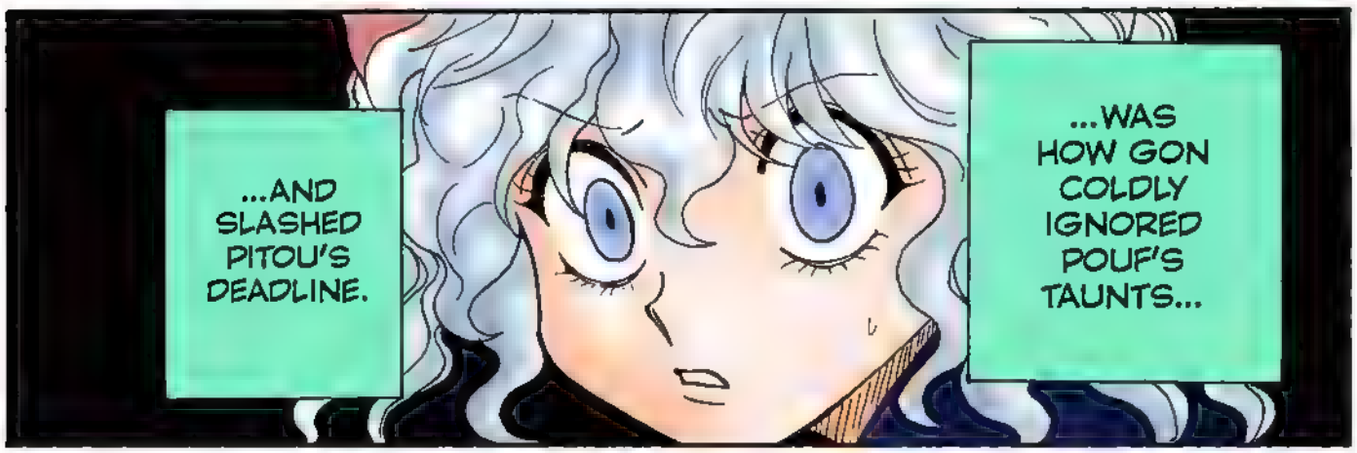

LIKE WE AGREED.
HEAL HER 10 MINUTES FASTER.

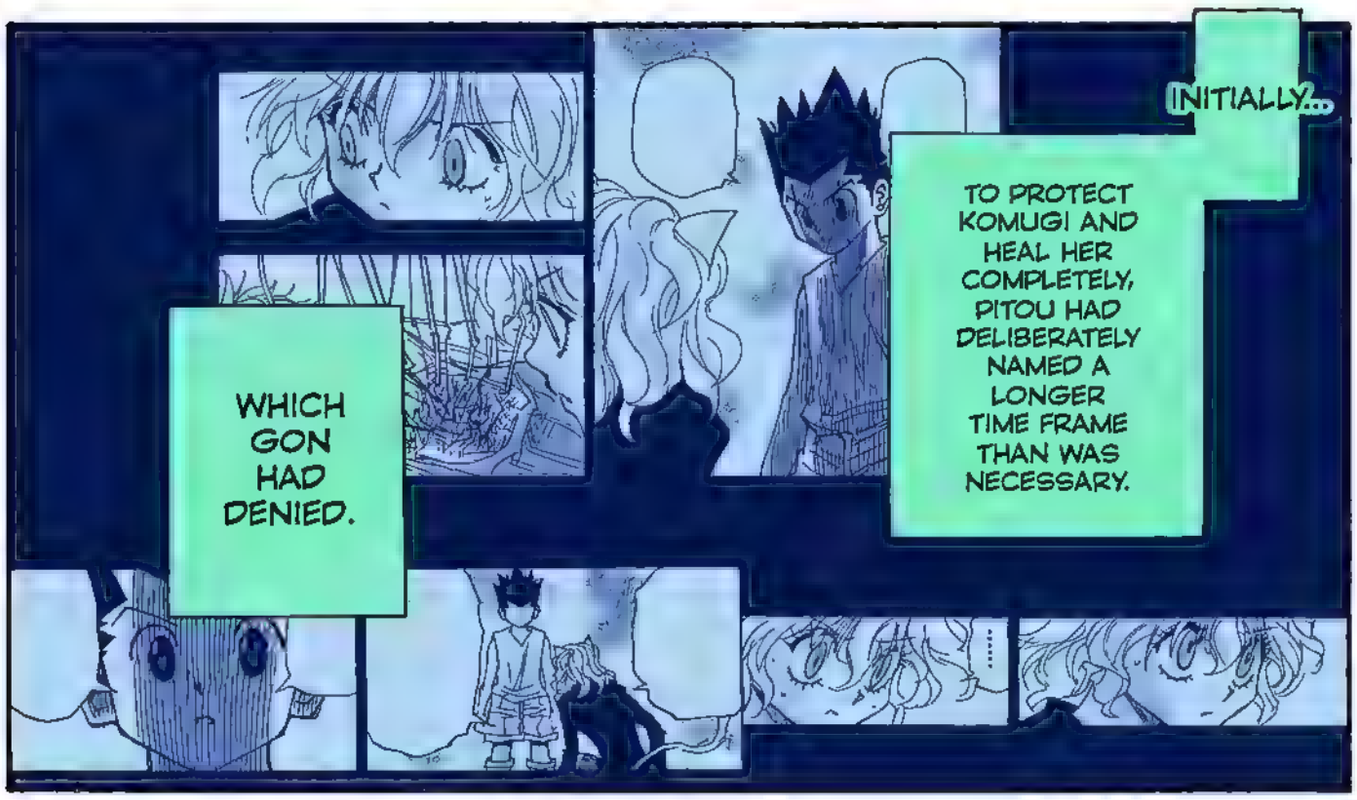





IT WAS DISTURBING ENOUGH THAT POUF HAD LEFT WITHOUT ANY CONCERN FOR THE CONSEQUENCES.
BUT EVEN MORE FRIGHTENING ...


PITOU WAS TREMBLING.


...AND SLASHED PITOU'S DEADLINE.
...WAS HOW GON COLDLY IGNORED POUF'S TAUNTS...


INITIALLY...
TO PROTECT KOMUGI AND HEAL HER COMPLETELY, PITOU HAD DELIBERATELY NAMED A LONGER TIME FRAME THAN WAS NECESSARY.
WHICH GON HAD DENIED.
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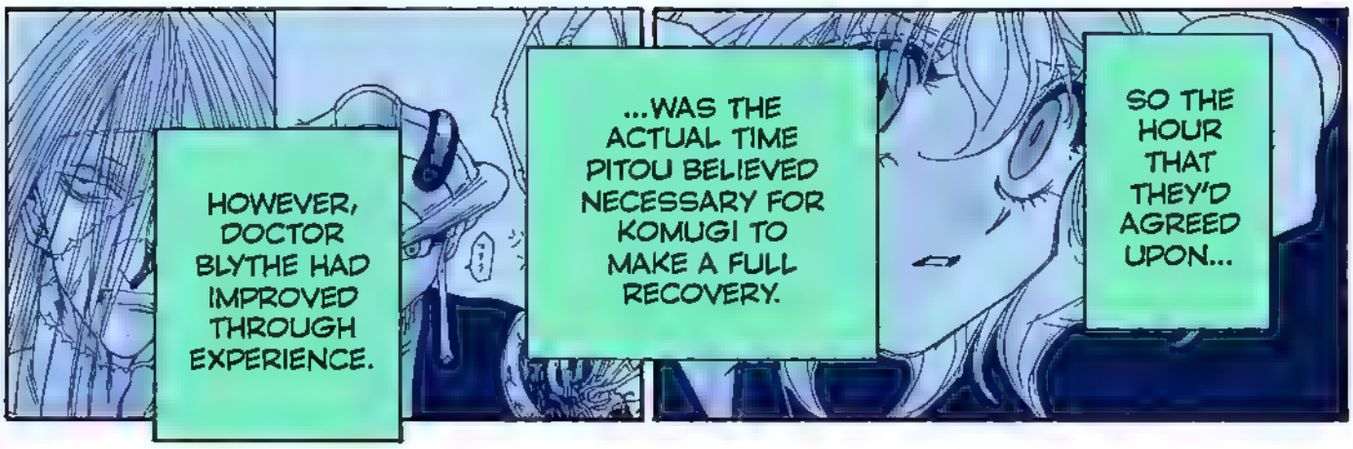
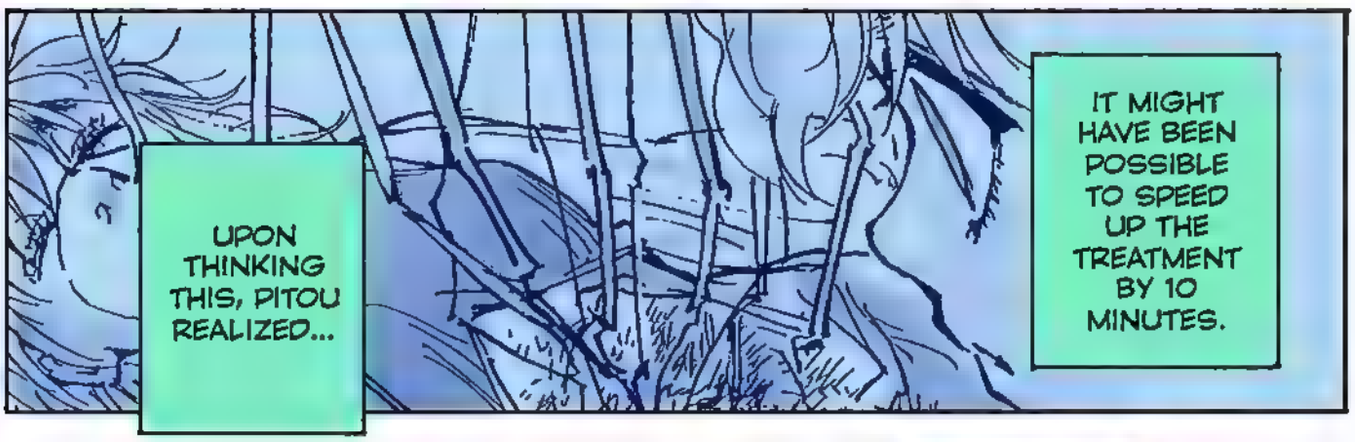
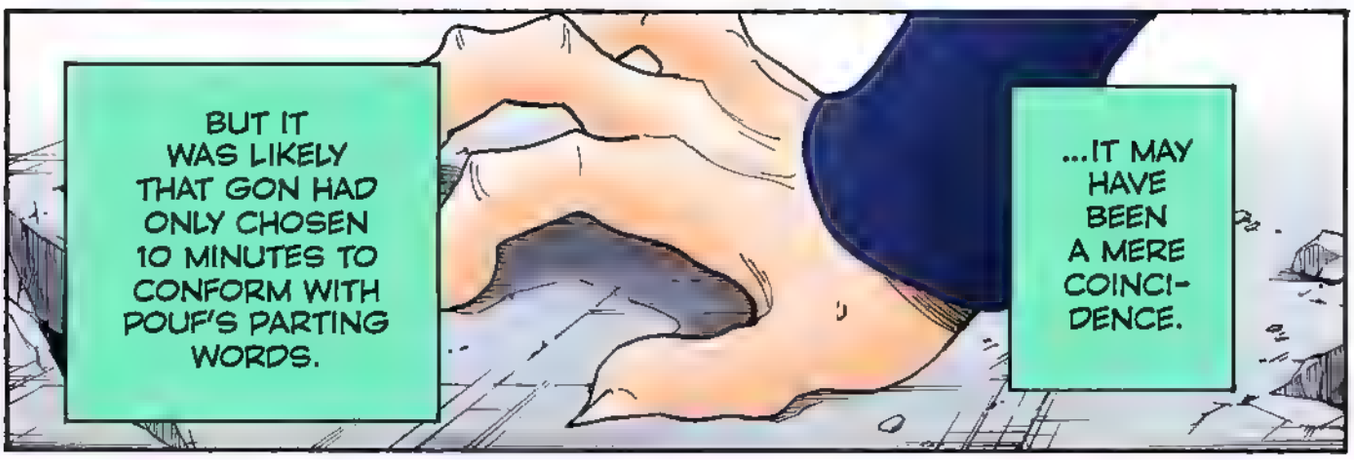
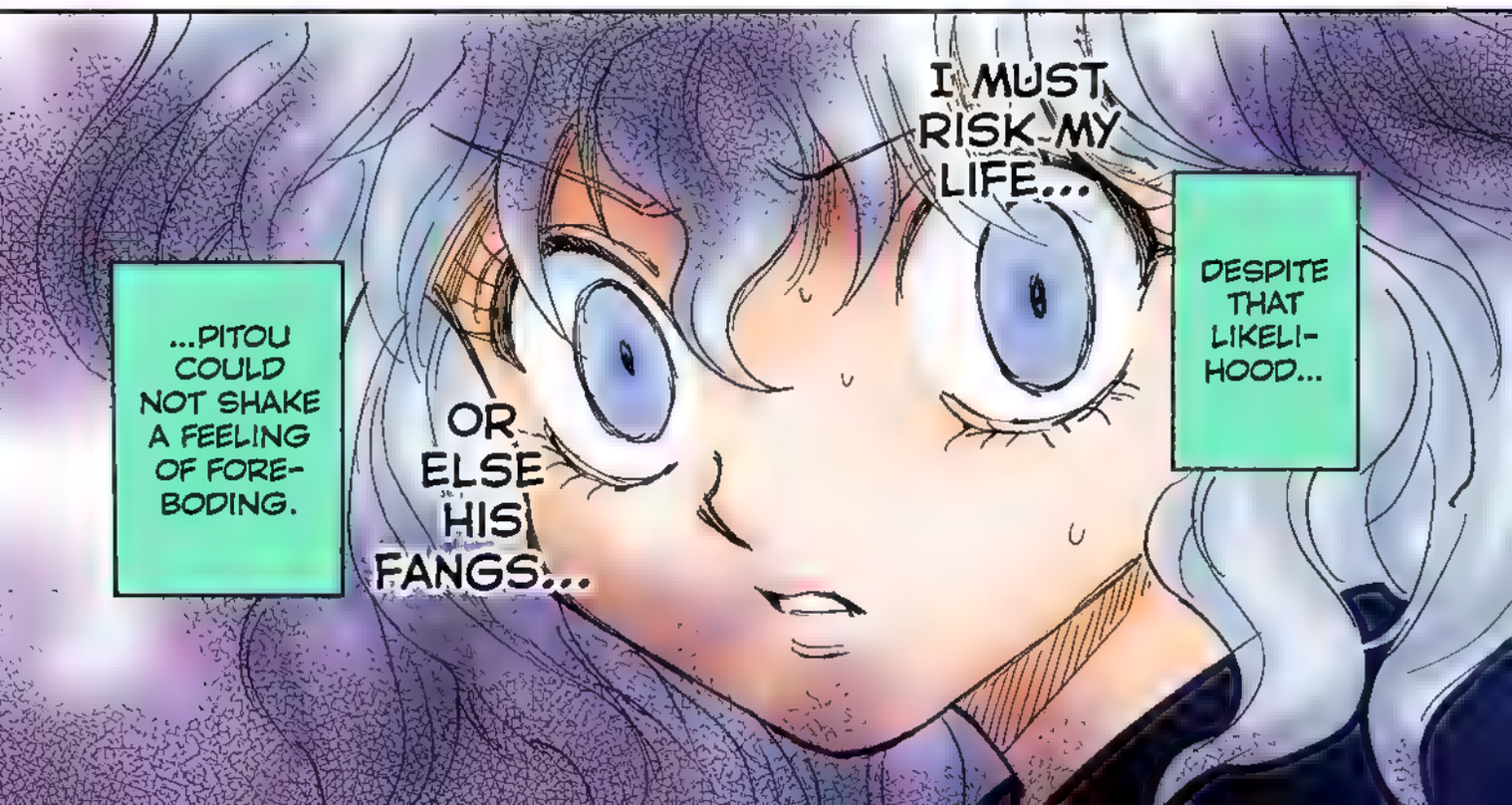

HOWEVER, DOCTOR BLYTHE HAD IMPROVED THROUGH EXPERIENCE.
...WAS THE ACTUAL TIME PITOU BELIEVED NECESSARY FOR KOMUGI TO MAKE A FULL RECOVERY.
SO THE HOUR THAT THEY'D AGREED UPON...


UPON THINKING THIS, PITOU REALIZED...
IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE TO SPEED UP THE TREATMENT BY 10 MINUTES.


BUT IT WAS LIKELY THAT GON HAD ONLY CHOSEN 10 MINUTES TO CONFORM WITH POUF'S PARTING WORDS.
...IT MAY HAVE BEEN A MERE COINCI-DENCE.


...PITOU COULD NOT SHAKE A FEELING OF FORE-BODING.
OR ELSE HIS FANGS...
I MUST RISK MY LIFE...
DESPITE THAT LIKELI-HOOD...

MAY EVEN REACH THE KING'S THROAT!!
I UNDER-STAND ...!!
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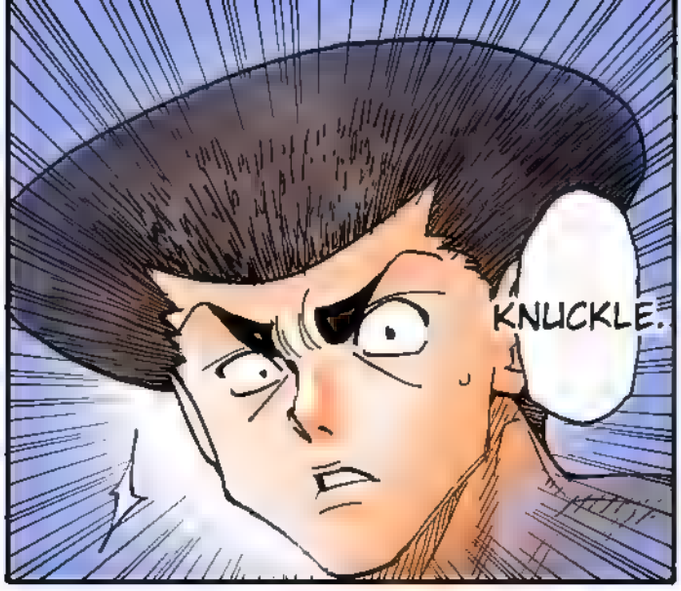
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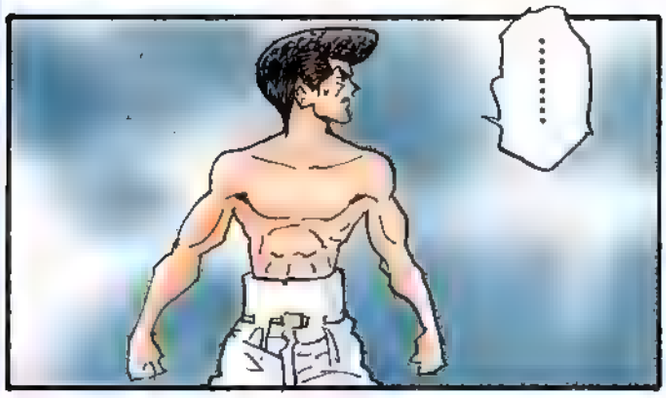
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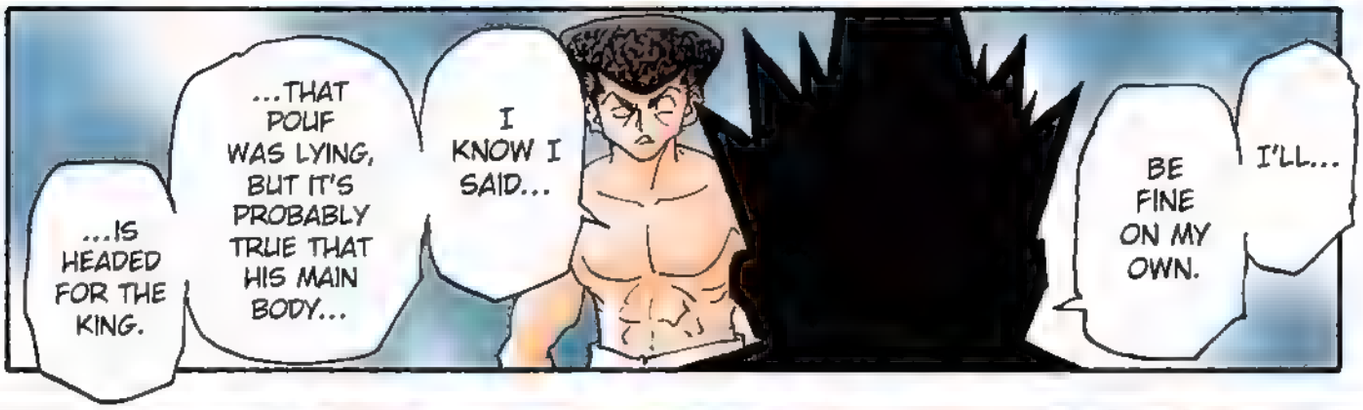
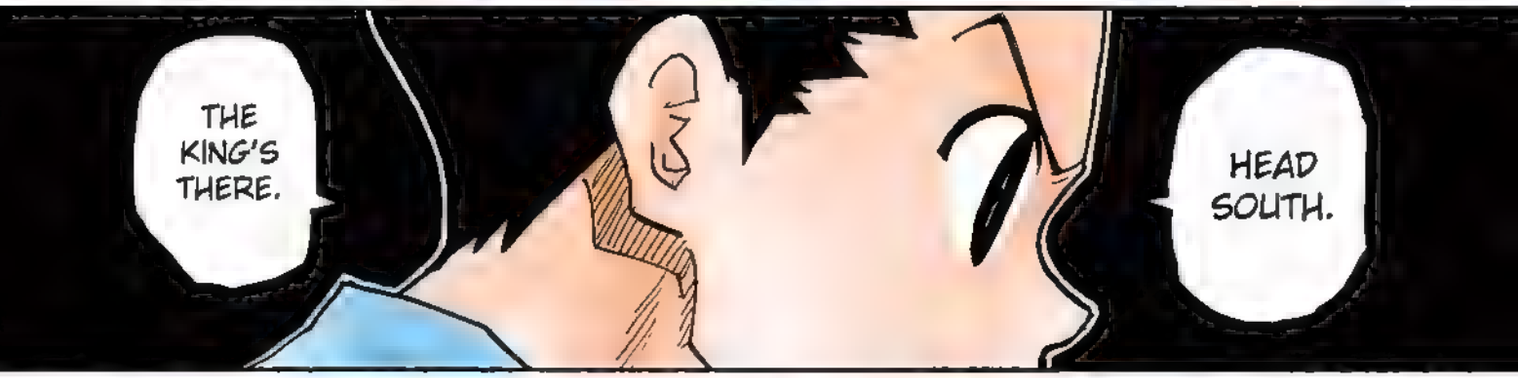
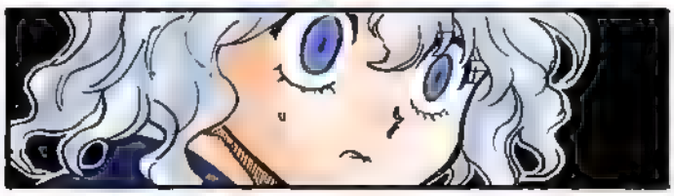
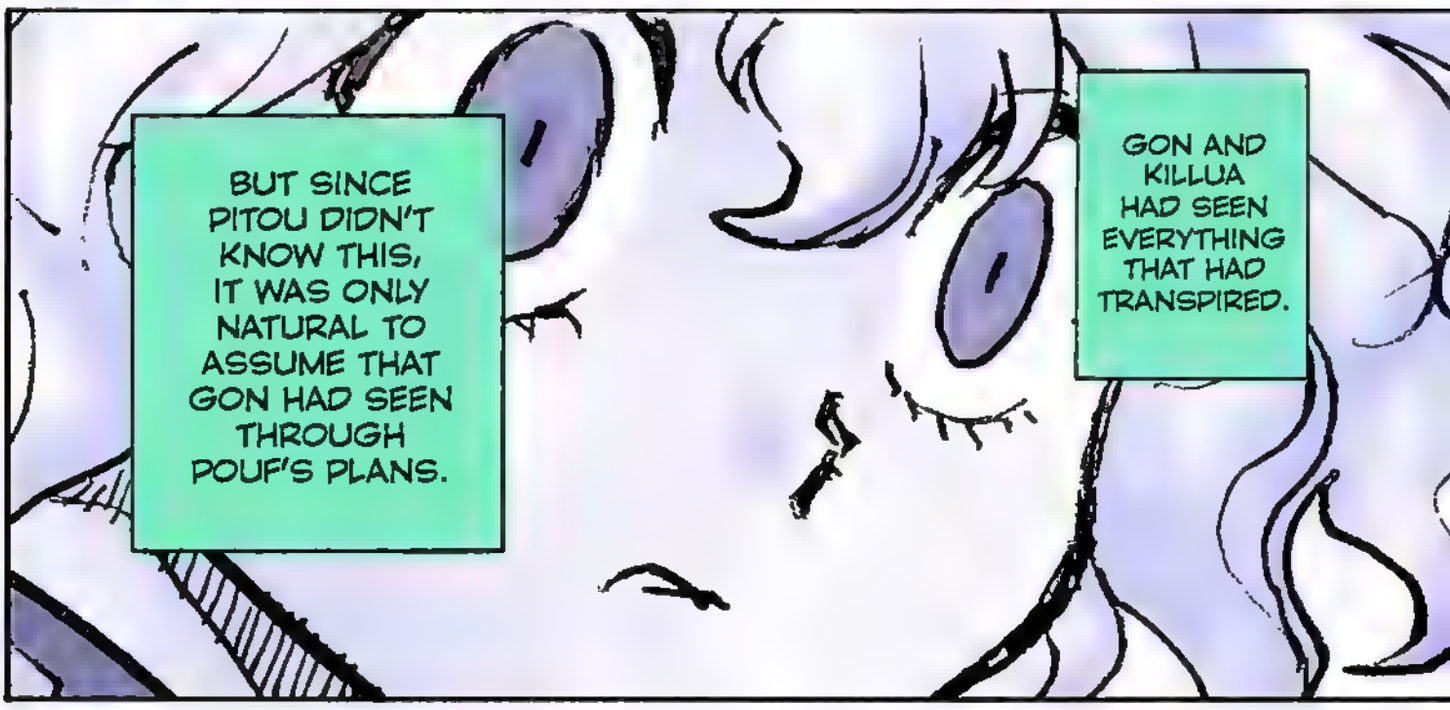

...IS HEADED FOR THE KING.
...THAT POUF WAS LYING, BUT IT'S PROBABLY TRUE THAT HIS MAIN BODY...
I KNOW I SAID...
BE FINE ON MY OWN.
I'LL...


THE KING'S THERE.
HEAD SOUTH.




BUT SINCE PITOU DIDN'T KNOW THIS, IT WAS ONLY NATURAL TO ASSUME THAT GON HAD SEEN THROUGH POUF'S PLANS.
GON AND KILLUA HAD SEEN EVERYTHING THAT HAD TRANSPIRED.

PITOU WAS NOW FULLY RESOLVED TO COMPLETE THE MISSION AT HAND.

PITOU'S WORST FEARS HAD BEEN CONFIRMED.

...THE COST...

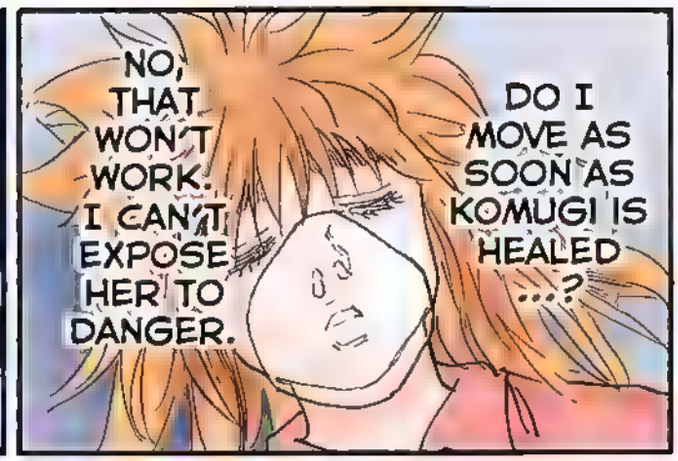
NO MATTER...

...KILL HIM.

I HAVE TO...

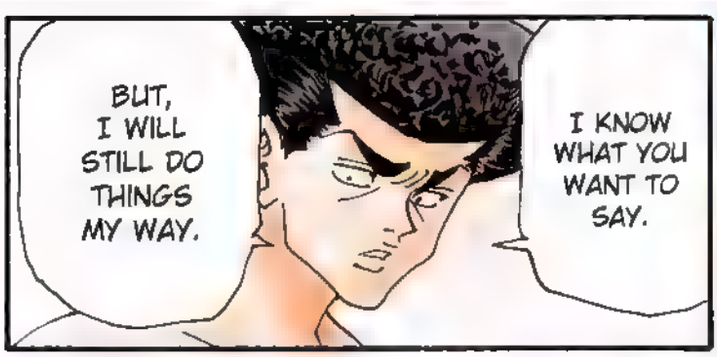
FOR THE KING'S SAKE ...!!

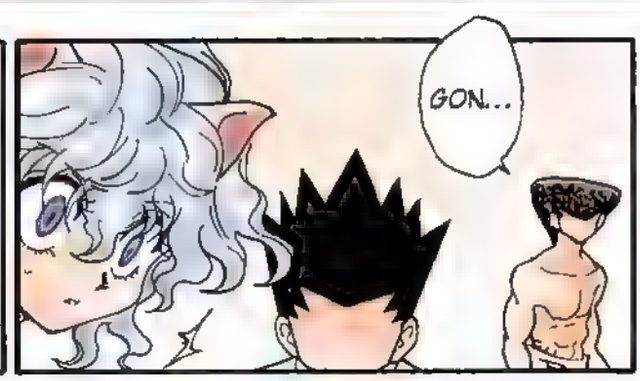
I HAVE TO KILL HIM...

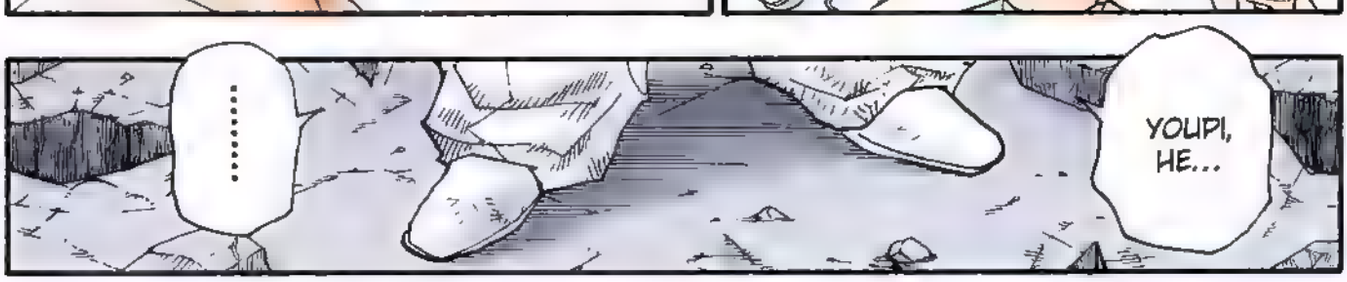


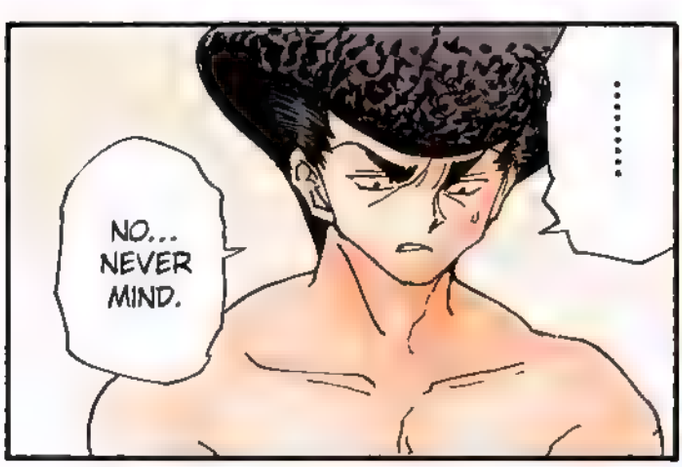
...WHO WILL TAKE KOMUGI TO THE KING...?!

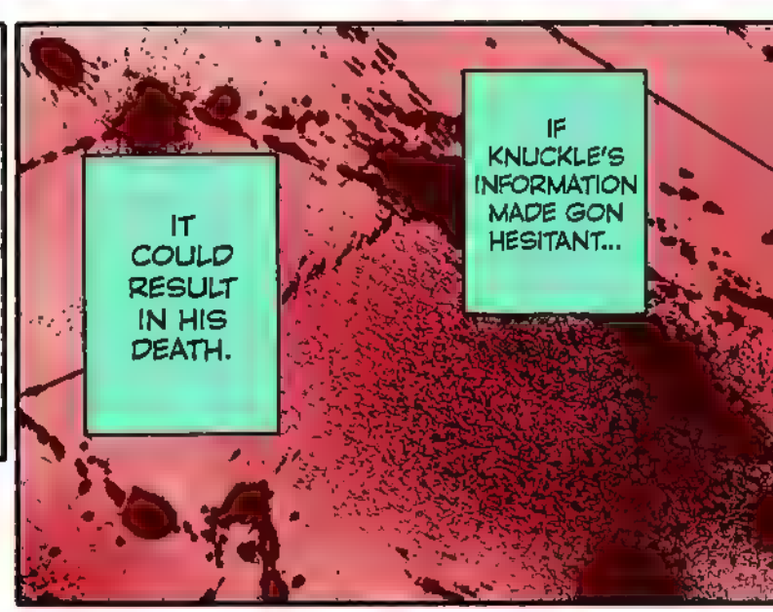
IF I'M GONE...



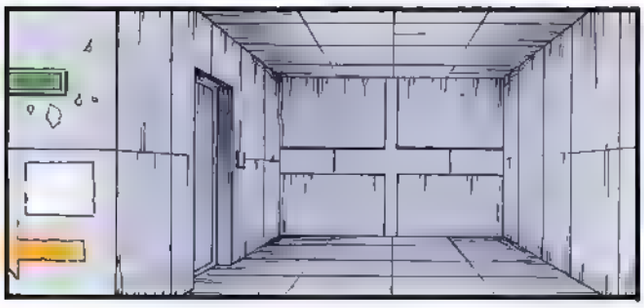


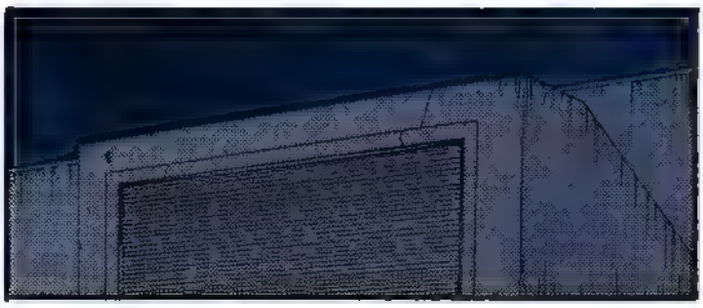


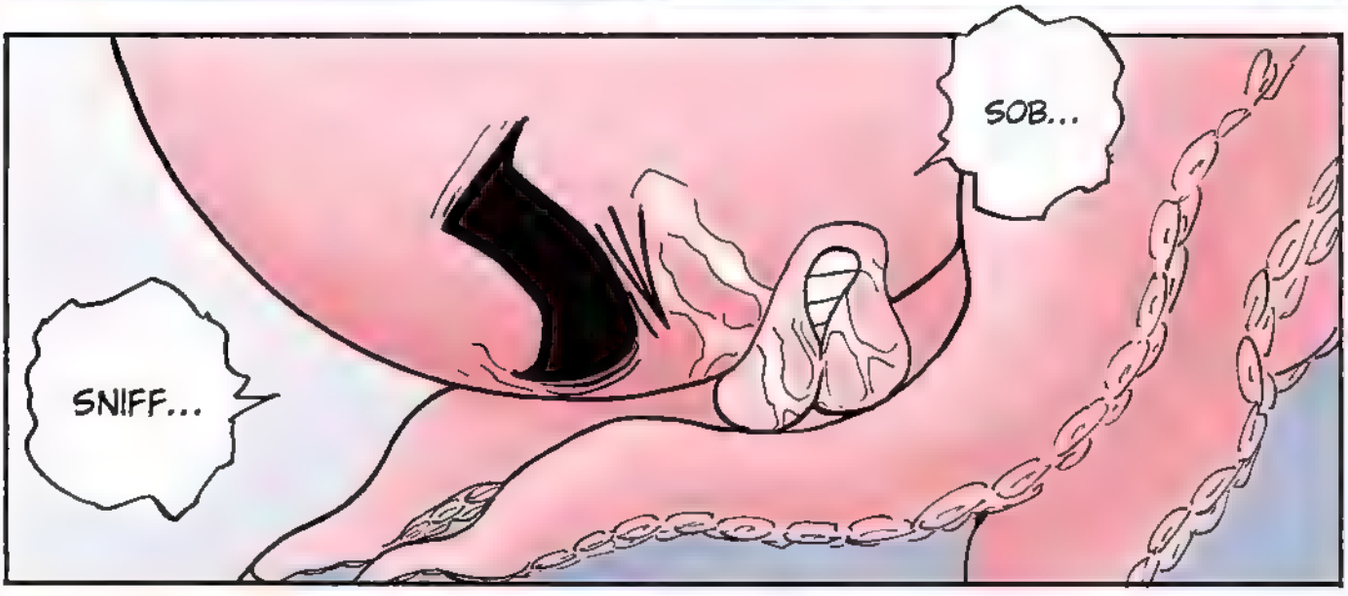


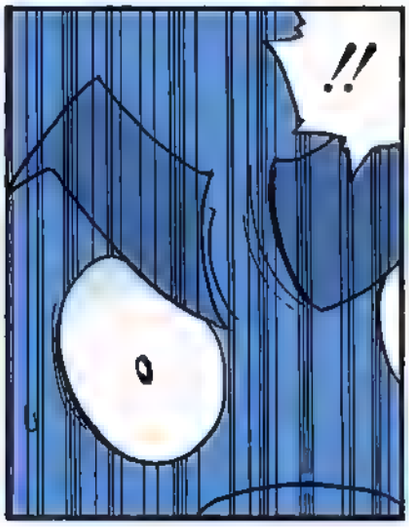


...TO STOP HIMSELF.
SEE YA.
KNUCKLE MANAGED...






SOB...
SNIFF...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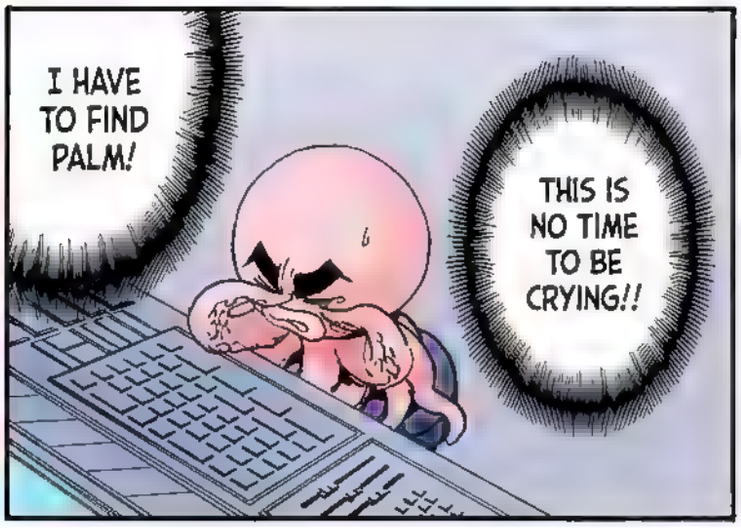
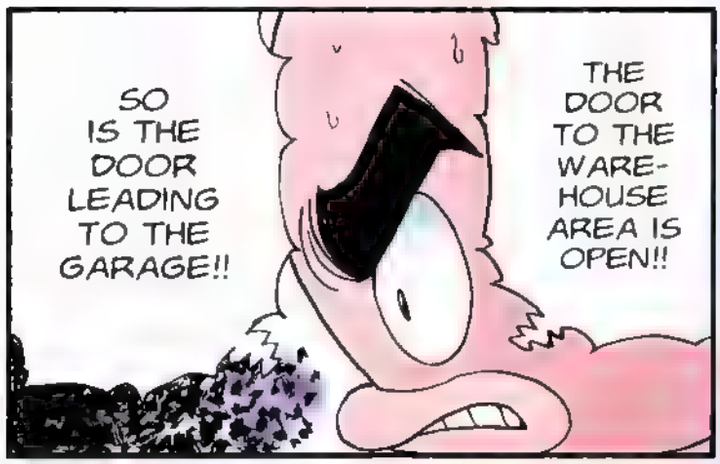
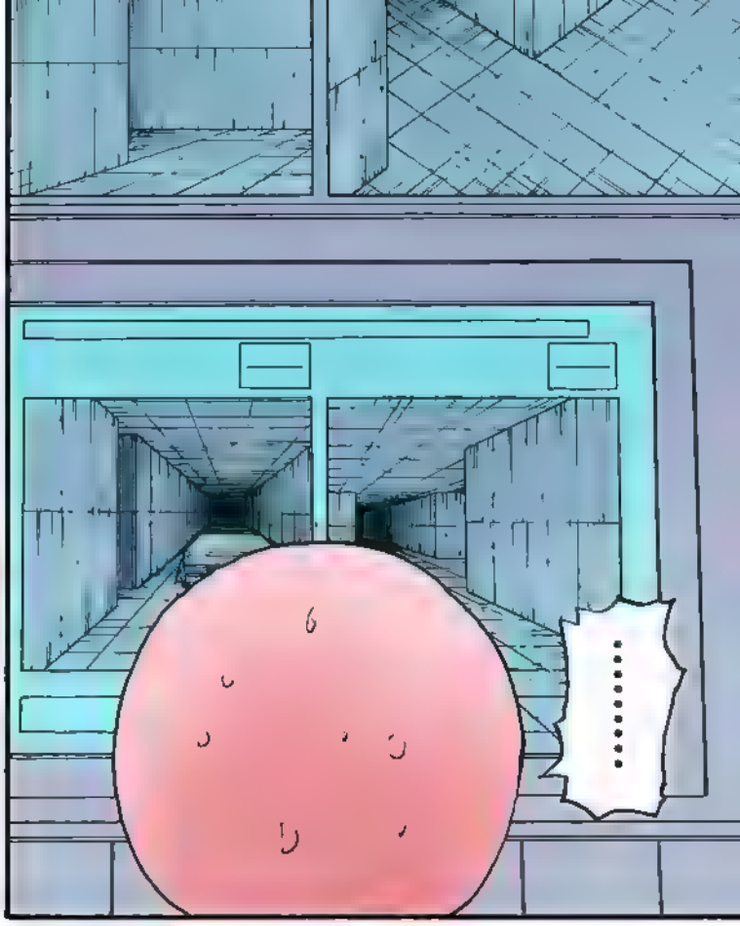

I HAVE TO FIND PALM!
THIS IS NO TIME TO BE CRYING!!


SO IS THE DOOR LEADING TO THE GARAGE!!
THE DOOR TO THE WARE-HOUSE AREA IS OPEN!!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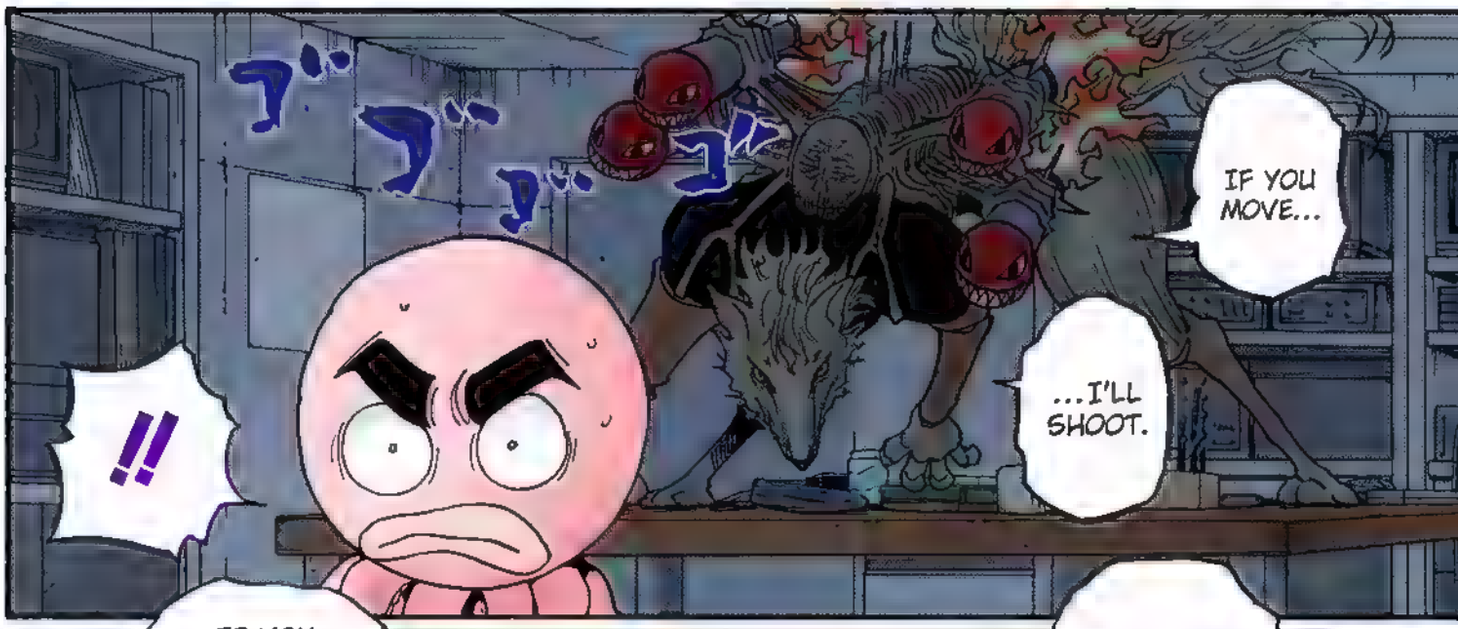
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IF YOU MOVE...
...I'LL SHOOT.
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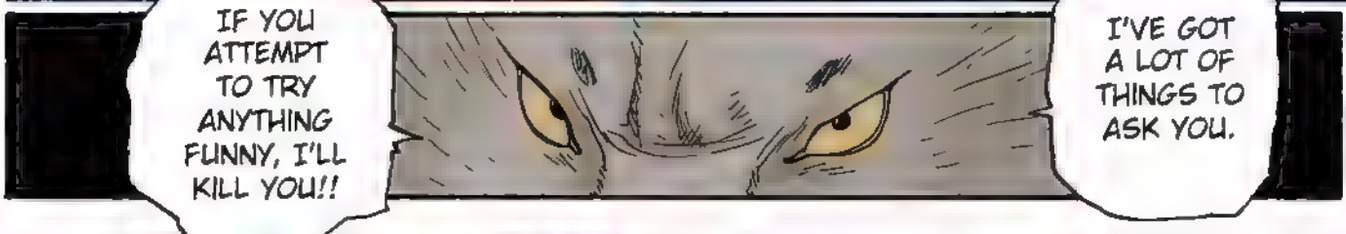
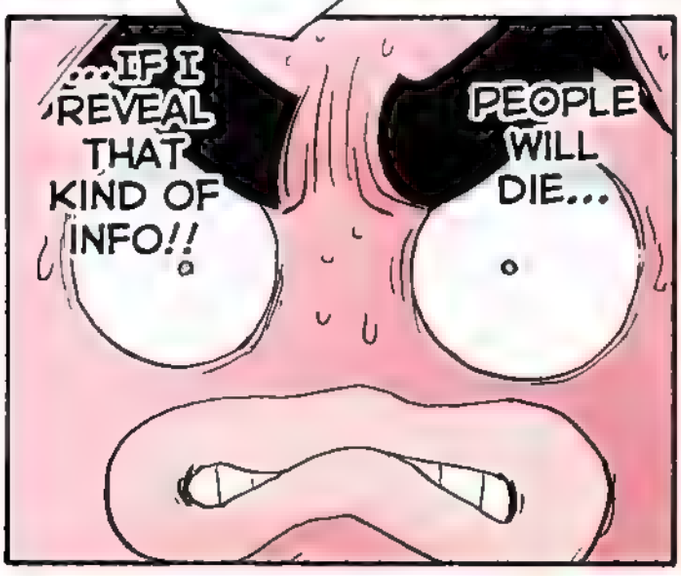
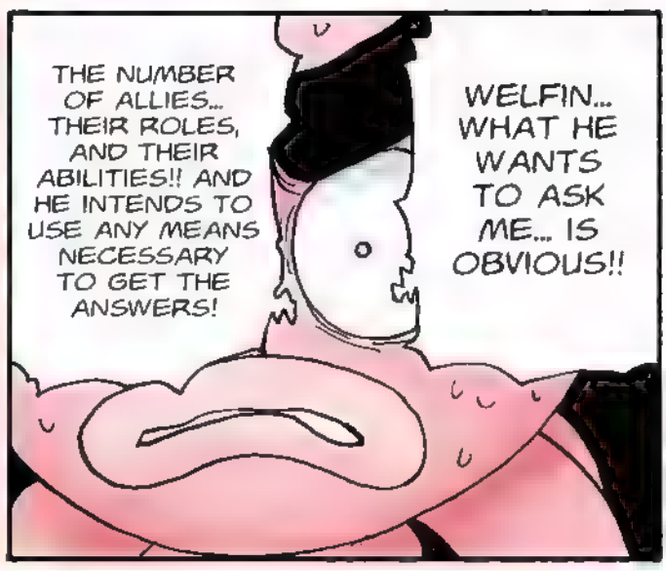

IF YOU ATTEMPT TO TRY ANYTHING FUNNY, I'LL KILL YOU!!
I'VE GOT A LOT OF THINGS TO ASK YOU.


...IF I REVEAL THAT KIND OF INFO!!
PEOPLE WILL DIE...


THE NUMBER OF ALLIES... THEIR ROLES, AND THEIR ABILITIES!! AND HE INTENDS TO USE ANY MEANS NECESSARY TO GET THE ANSWERS!
WELFIN... WHAT HE WANTS TO ASK ME... IS OBVIOUS!!

WHA-?! DON'T MOVE ...!!
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IF HE'S A MANI-PULATOR...
...HE CAN GET THE INFORMATION AGAINST MY WILL!!
I REALLY WILL KILL YOU!!
IF THE ALTER-NATIVE IS BETRAYING MY FRIENDS...
GO AHEAD!! KILL ME!!
THEN I'LL TAKE YOU WITH ME!!

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YOU BASTARD!
OUCH!
OW!
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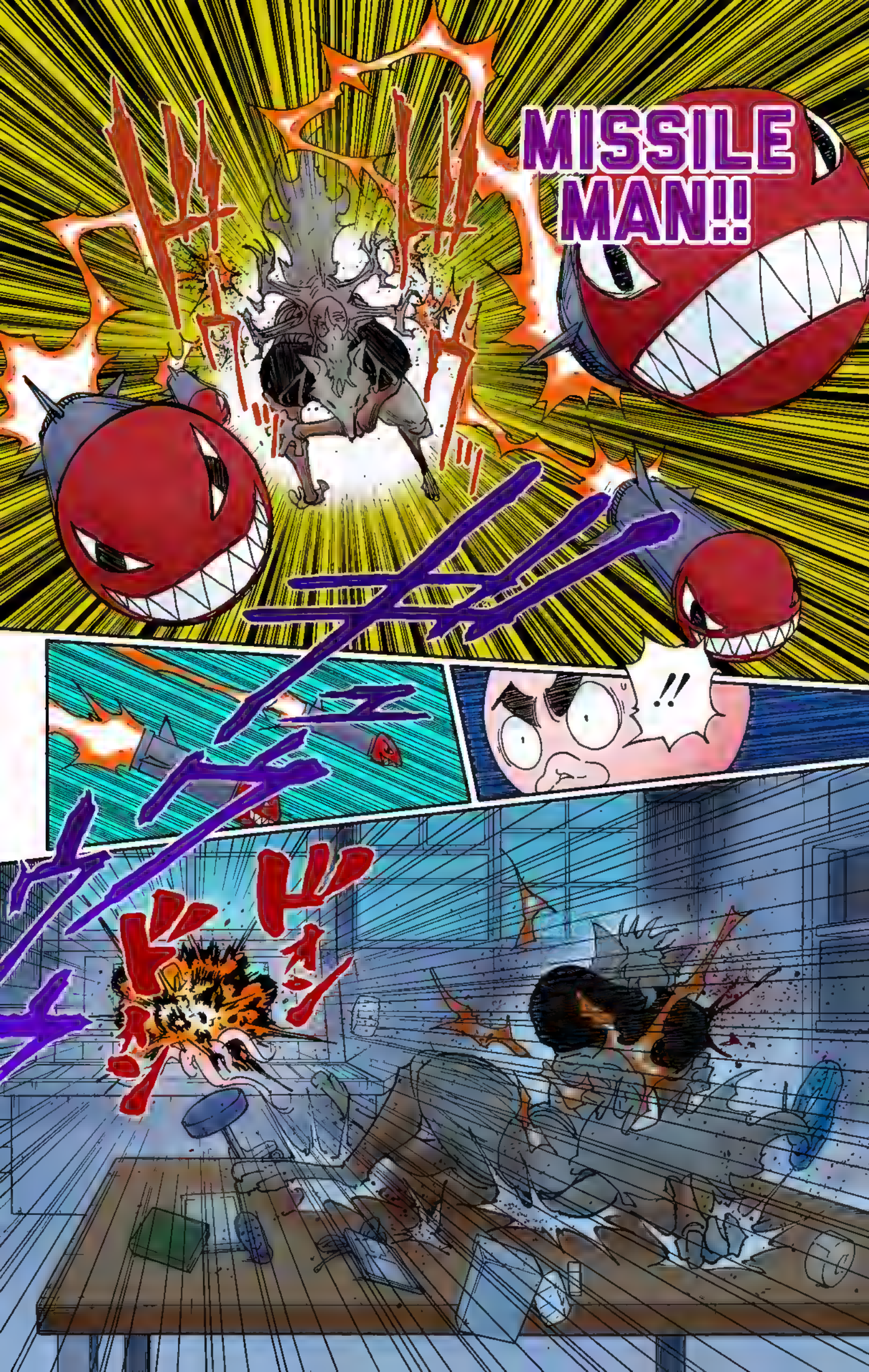
NOW YOU'VE DONE IT!!
DAMN IT! I'LL KILL YOU!!
WHY DID YOU SHOOT ME?!


MISSILE MAN!!
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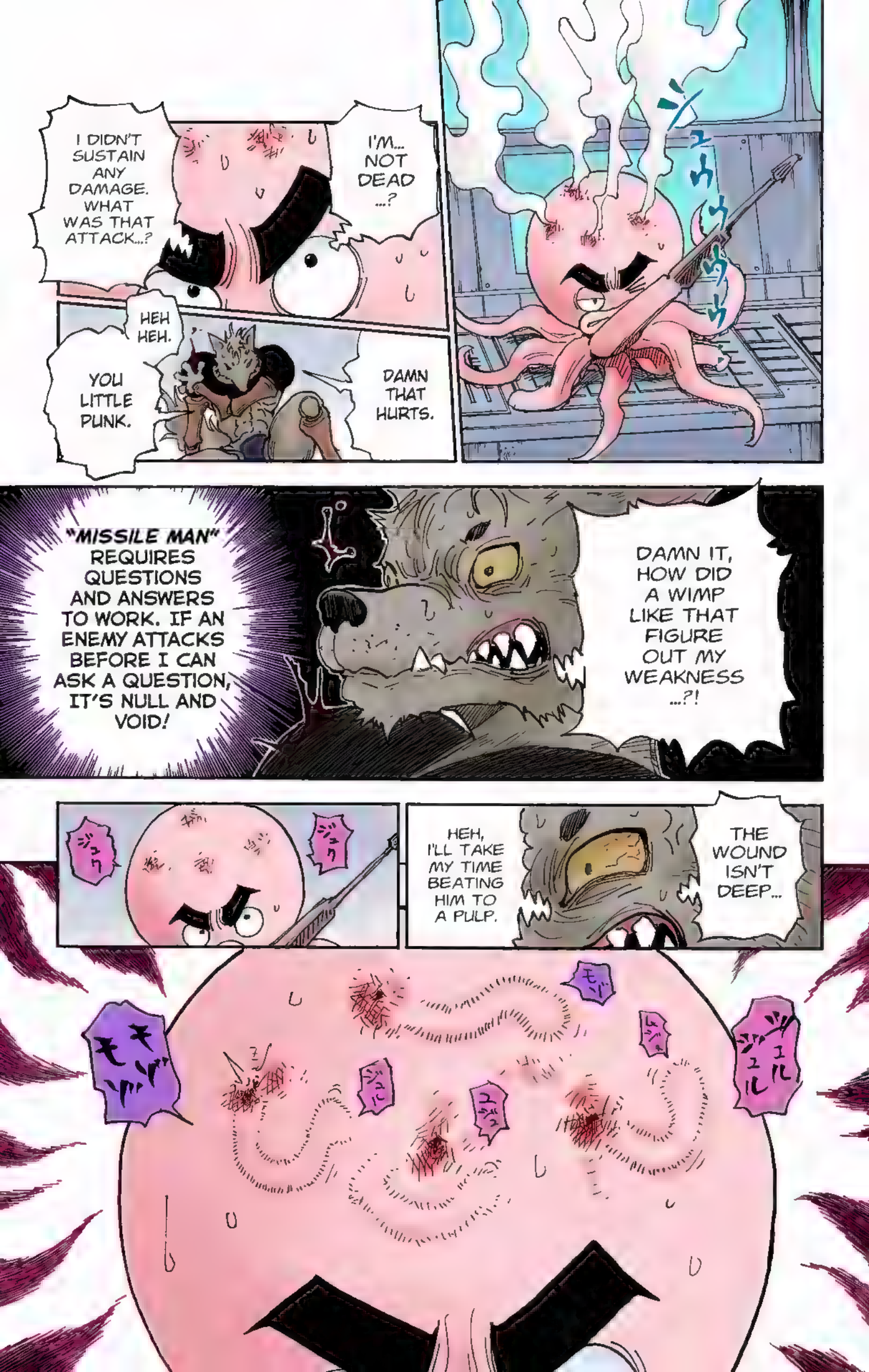
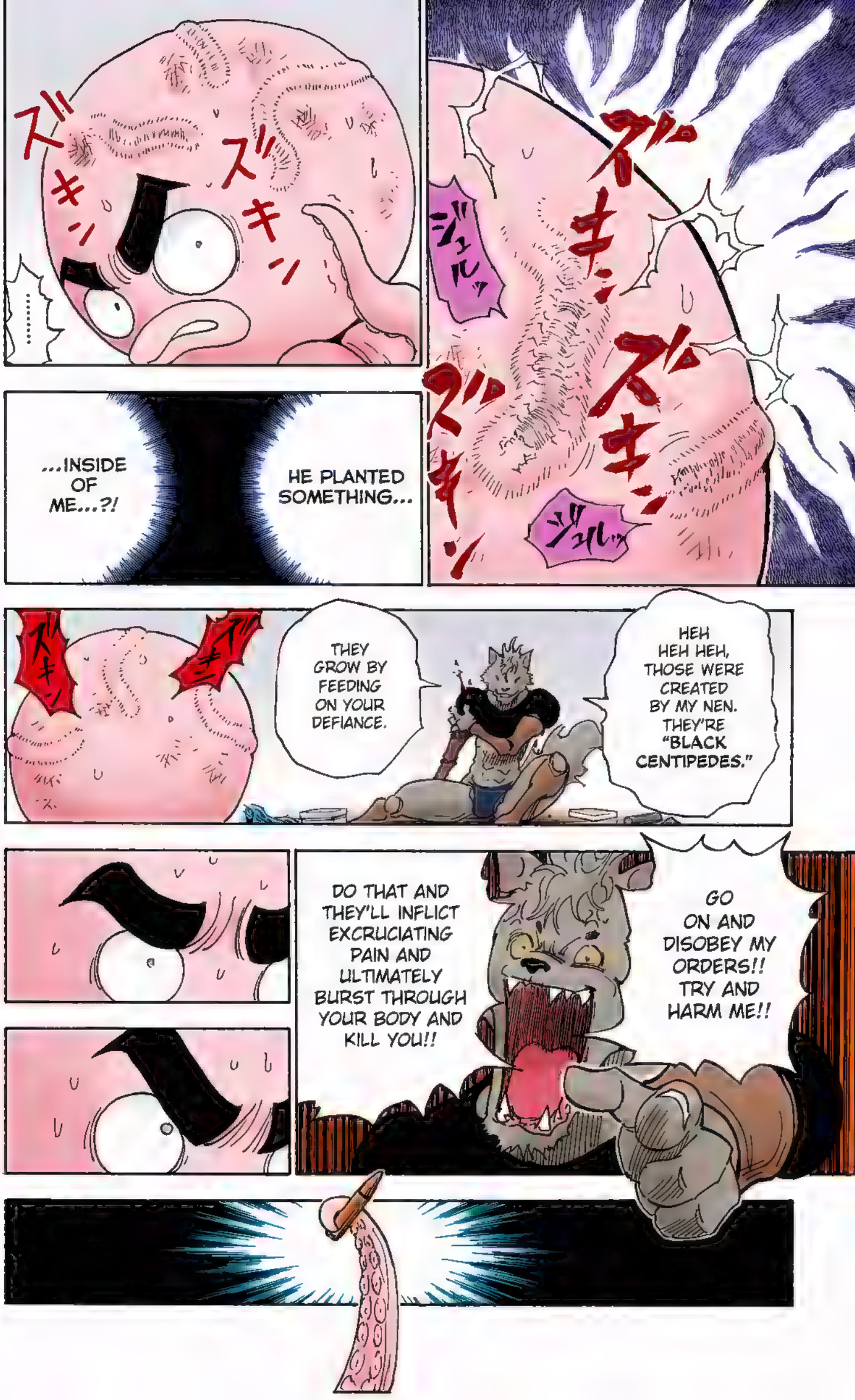

I DIDN'T SUSTAIN ANY DAMAGE. WHAT WAS THAT ATTACK...?
I'M... NOT DEAD ...?
HEH HEH.
YOU LITTLE PUNK.
DAMN THAT HURTS.
"MISSILE MAN" REQUIRES QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS TO WORK. IF AN ENEMY ATTACKS BEFORE I CAN ASK A QUESTION, IT'S NULL AND VOID!
DAMN IT, HOW DID A WIMP LIKE THAT FIGURE OUT MY WEAKNESS ...?!
HEH, I'LL TAKE MY TIME BEATING HIM TO A PULP.
THE WOUND ISN'T DEEP...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...INSIDE OF ME...?!
HE PLANTED SOMETHING...
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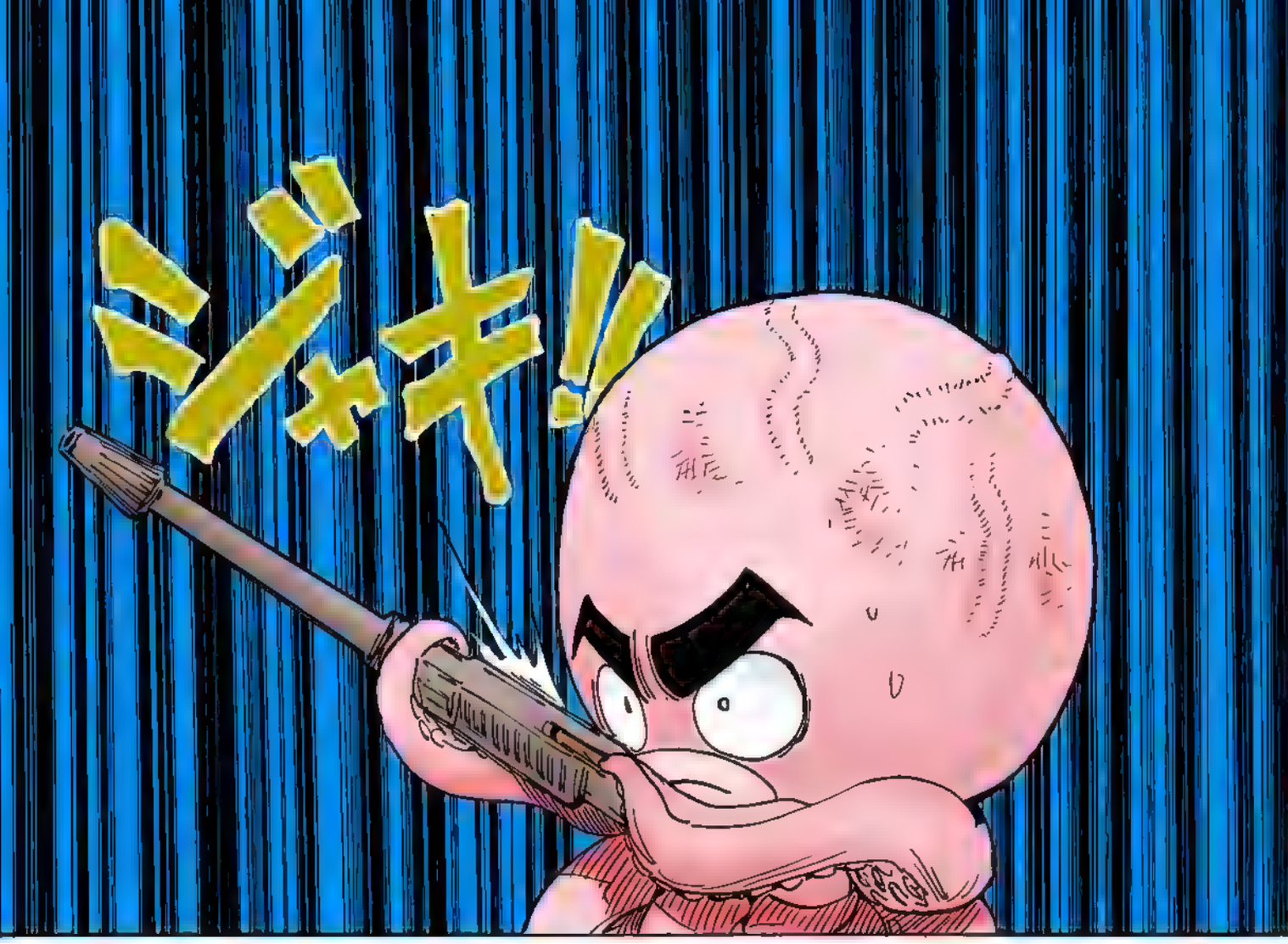
THEY GROW BY FEEDING ON YOUR DEFIANCE.
HEH HEH HEH, THOSE WERE CREATED BY MY NEN. THEY'RE "BLACK CENTIPEDES."
DO THAT AND THEY'LL INFLICT EXCRUCIATING PAIN AND ULTIMATELY BURST THROUGH YOUR BODY AND KILL YOU!!
GO ON AND DISOBEY MY ORDERS!! TRY AND HARM ME!!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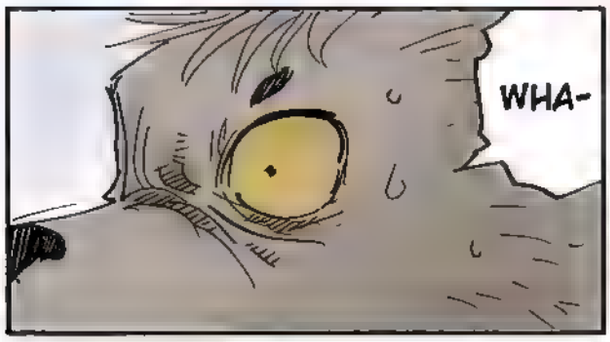
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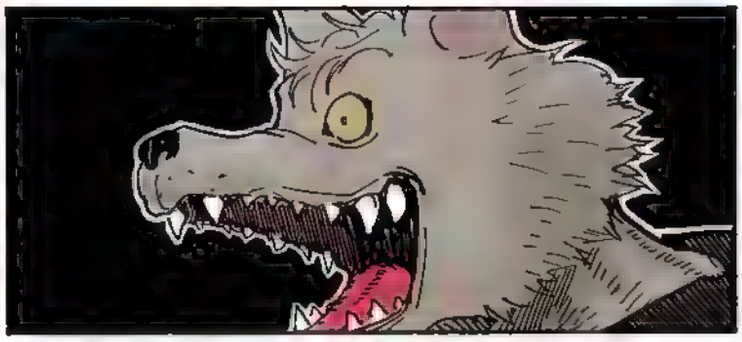

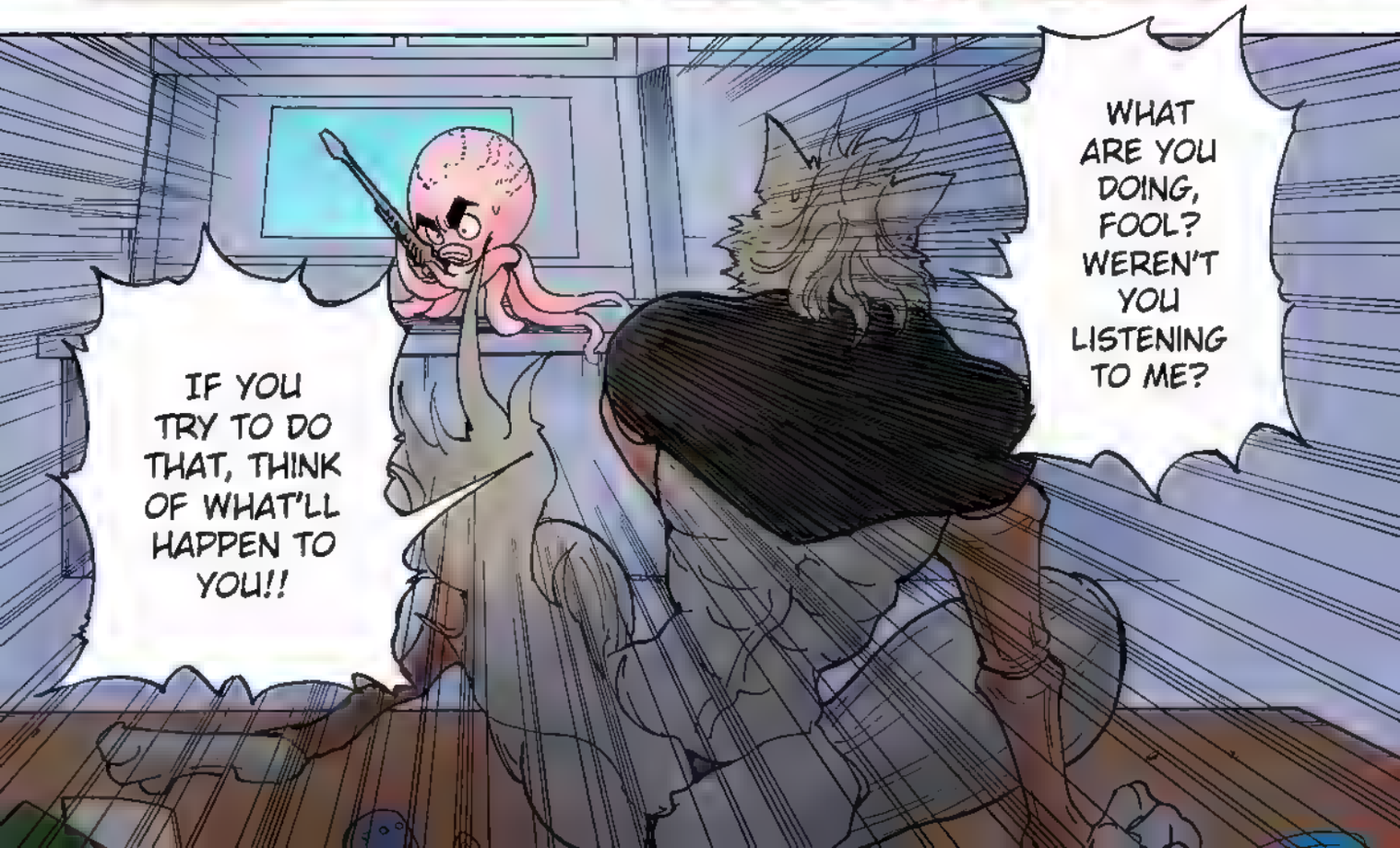
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, FOOL? WEREN'T YOU LISTENING TO ME?
IF YOU TRY TO DO THAT, THINK OF WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO YOU!!

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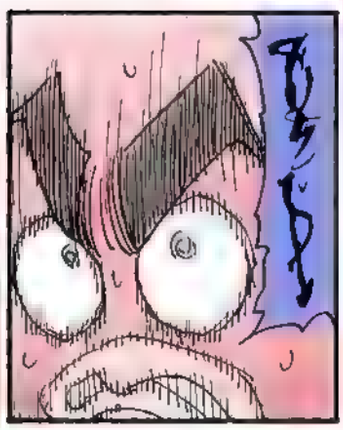

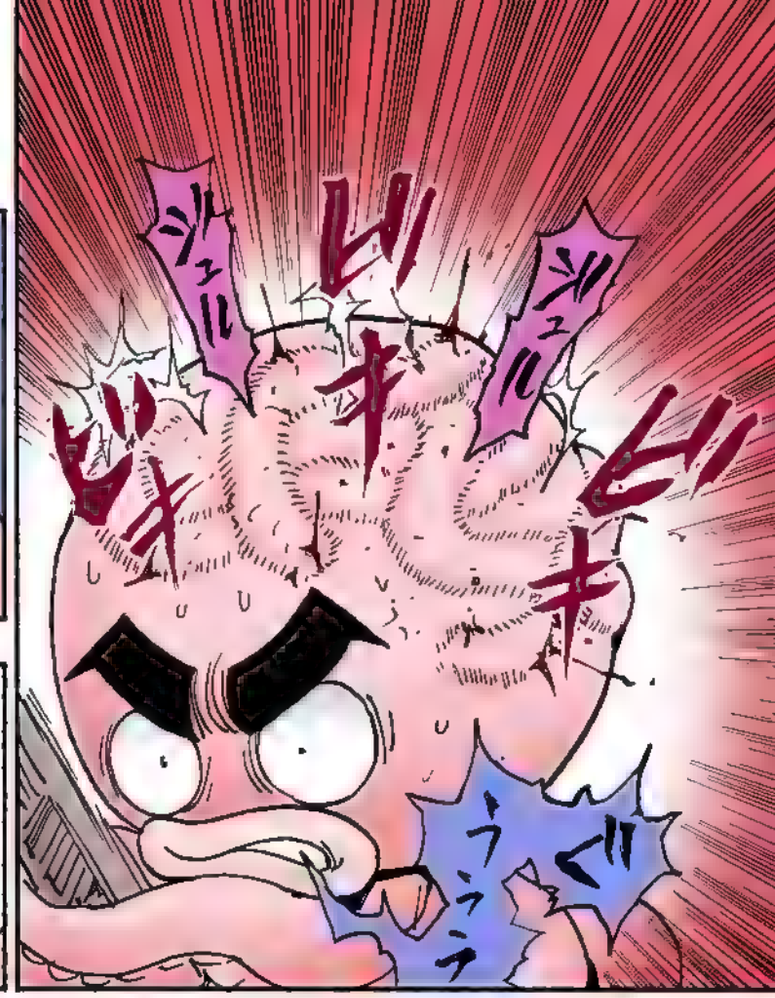
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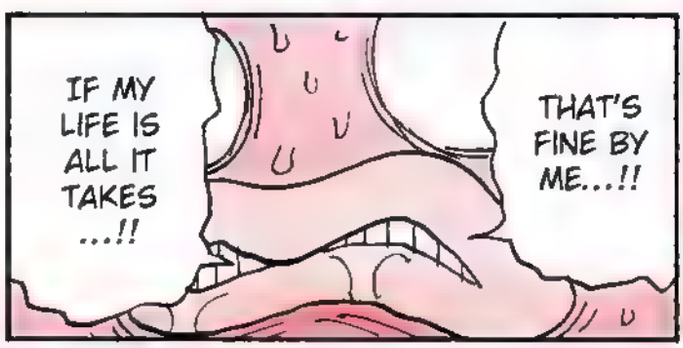
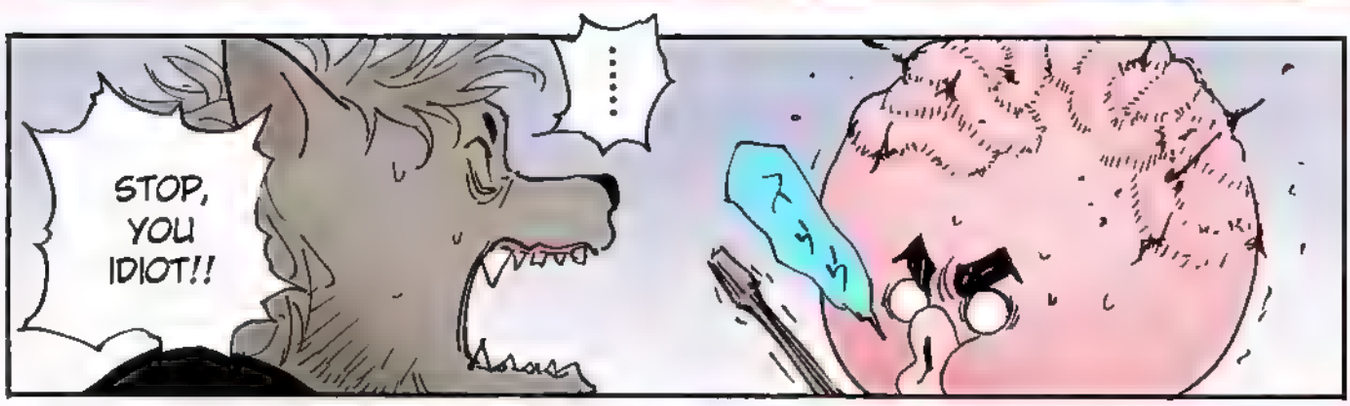

IF MY LIFE IS ALL IT TAKES ...!!
THAT'S FINE BY ME...!!


STOP, YOU IDIOT!!
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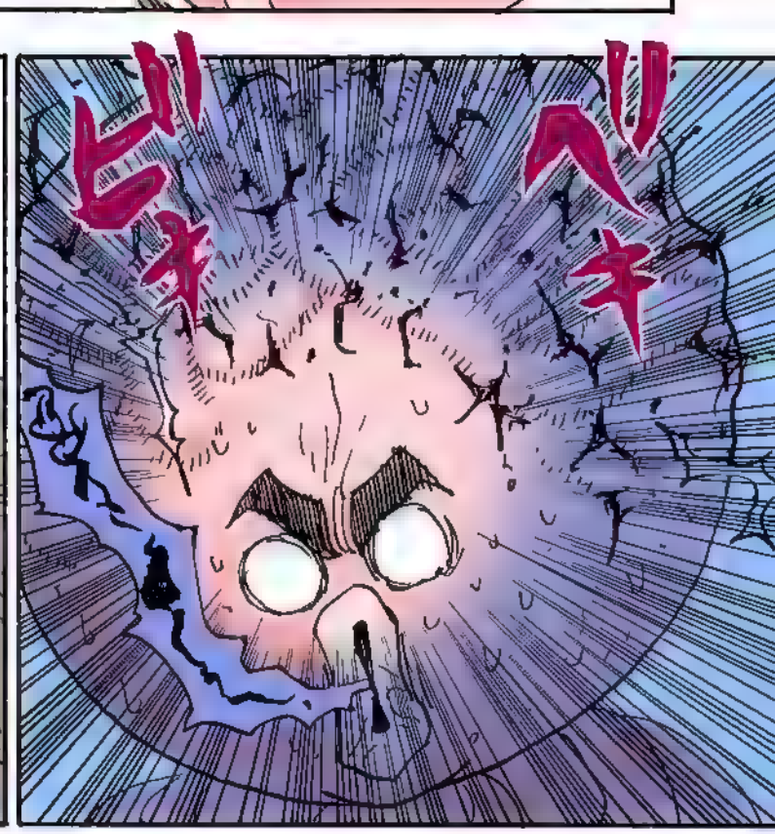
THAT'S THE ULTIMATE FORM OF "RESIS-TANCE."
NO WAIT... IF HE WANTED TO KILL ME...
NOW, IT'LL TAKE NO TIME FOR THE "BLACK CENTIPEDES" TO GROW LARGE ENOUGH TO KILL HIM INSTANTLY!!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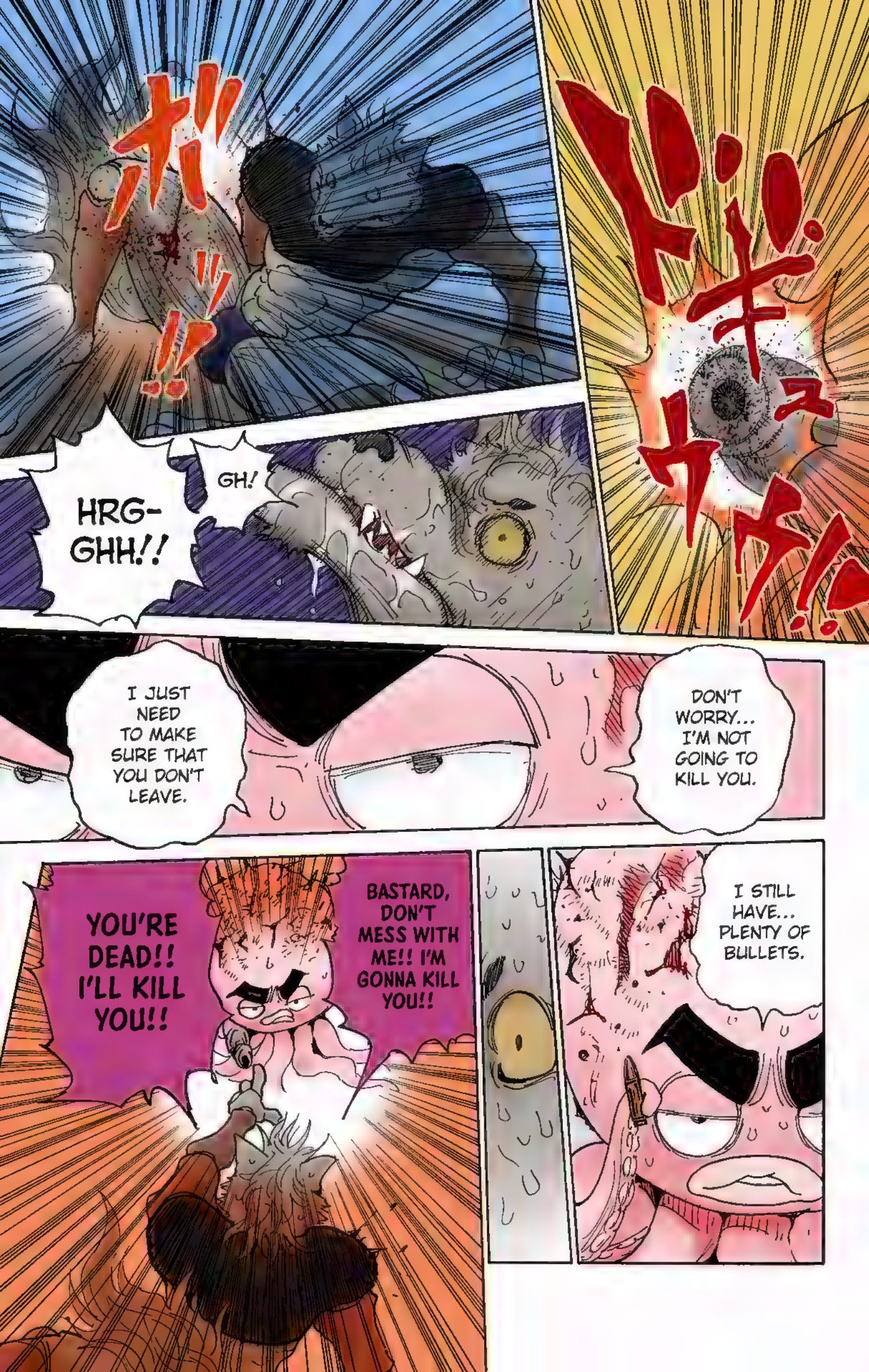
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HRG-GHH!!
GH!
I JUST NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU DON'T LEAVE.
DON'T WORRY... I'M NOT GOING TO KILL YOU.
YOU'RE DEAD!! I'LL KILL YOU!!
BASTARD, DON'T MESS WITH ME!! I'M GONNA KILL YOU!!
I STILL HAVE... PLENTY OF BULLETS.

NRAA-AAAH!!
HEH HEH ...
HAA ...
EASY ...!!
IT'S SO...
WHEN THE ONLY PRICE IS MY LIFE...!!
JUST HAVING TO PULL THE TRIGGER...

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I WON'T GO ANYWHERE!! I GIVE UP!! PLEASE!! DON'T SHOOT!!
STOP!! I GET IT, I GET IT ALREADY!!
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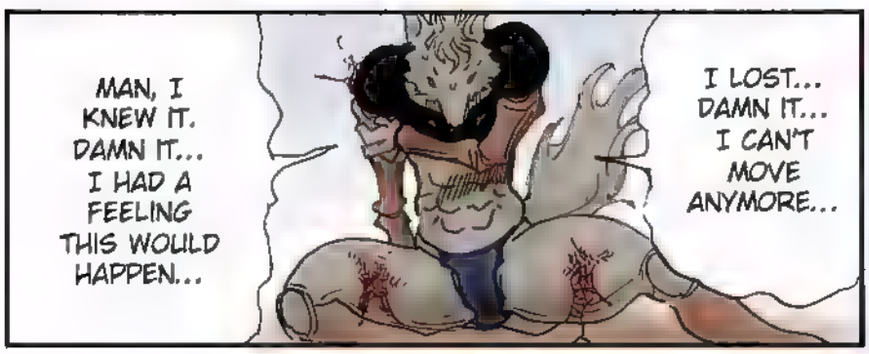
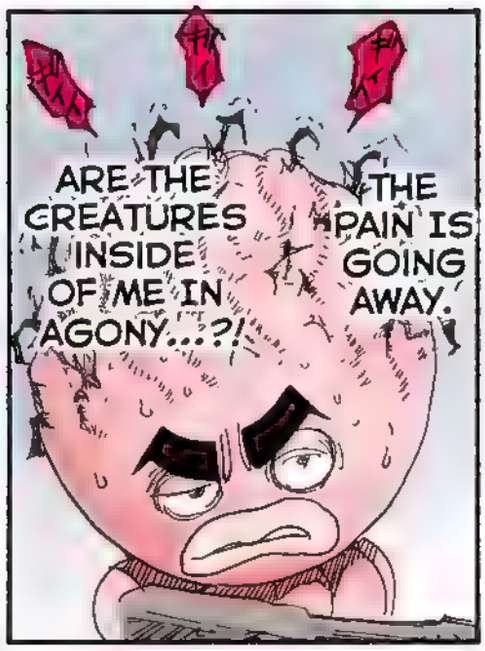
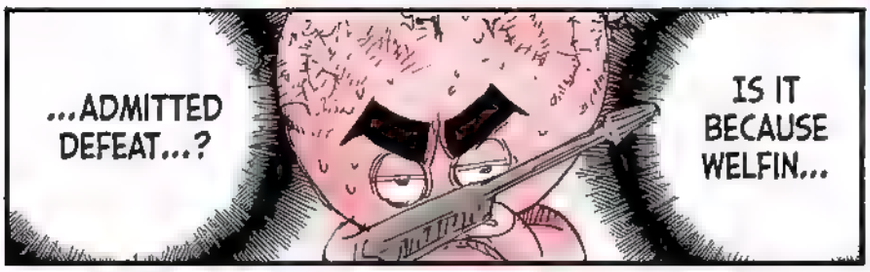
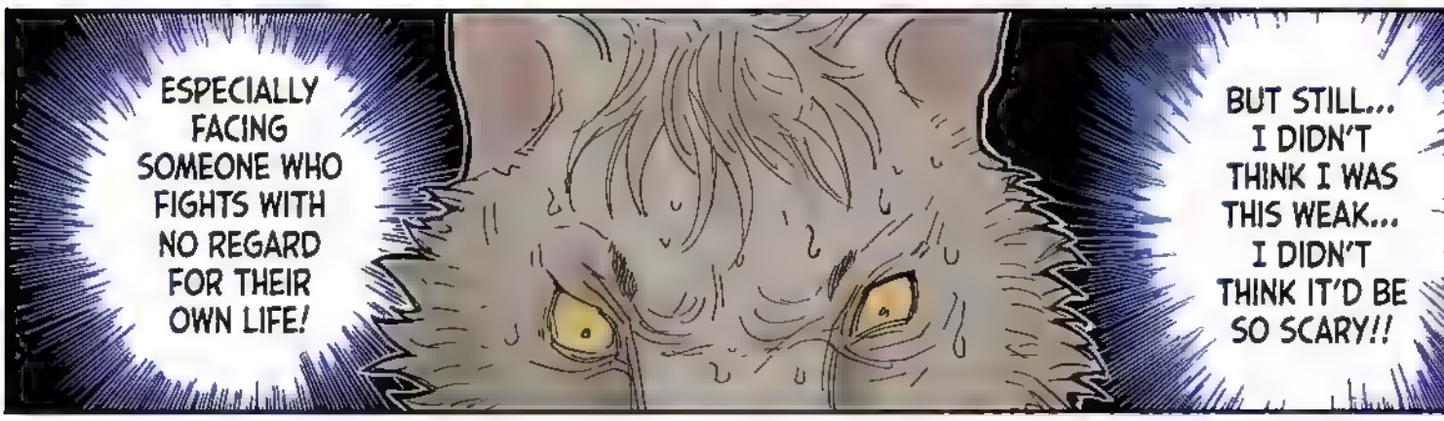
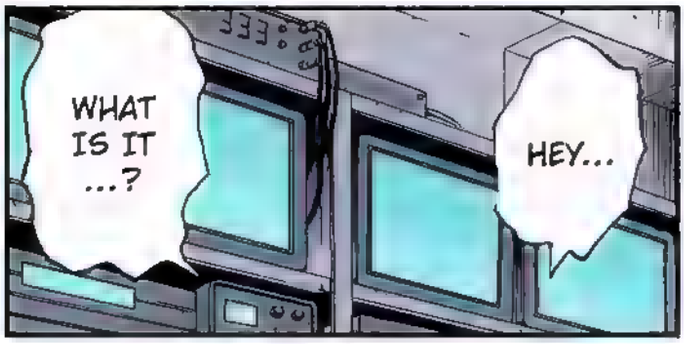

MAN, I KNEW IT. DAMN IT... I HAD A FEELING THIS WOULD HAPPEN...
I LOST... DAMN IT... I CAN'T MOVE ANYMORE...


ARE THE CREATURES INSIDE OF ME IN AGONY...?!
THE PAIN IS GOING AWAY.


...ADMITTED DEFEAT...?
IS IT BECAUSE WELFIN...


ESPECIALLY FACING SOMEONE WHO FIGHTS WITH NO REGARD FOR THEIR OWN LIFE!
BUT STILL... I DIDN'T THINK I WAS THIS WEAK... I DIDN'T THINK IT'D BE SO SCARY!!


WHAT IS IT ...?
HEY...

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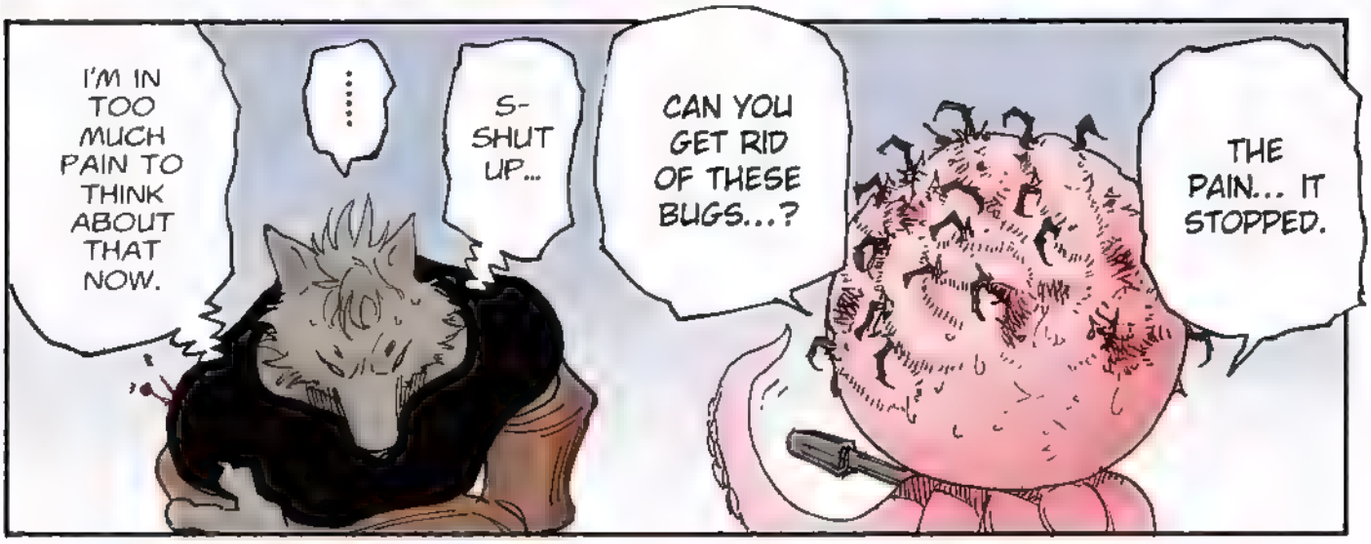
I'M IN TOO MUCH PAIN TO THINK ABOUT THAT NOW.
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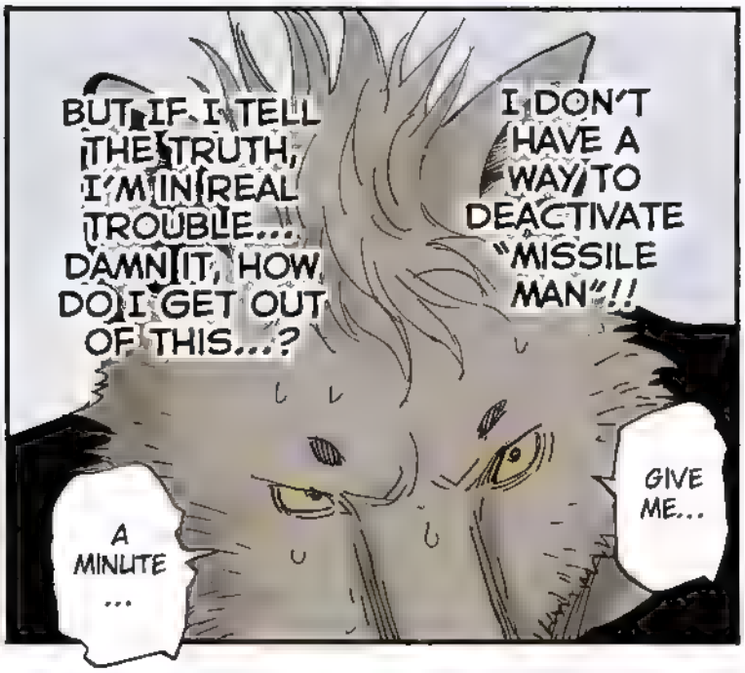
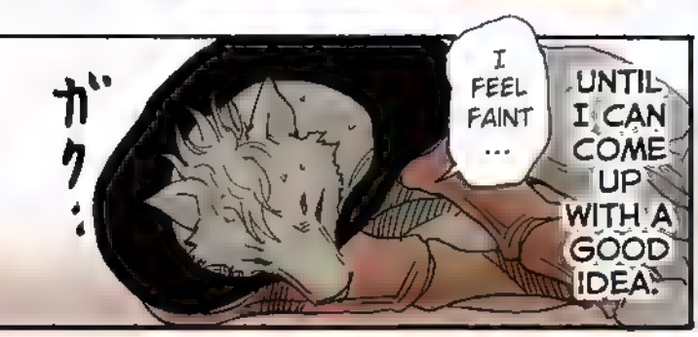
S-SHUT UP...
CAN YOU GET RID OF THESE BUGS...?
THE PAIN... IT STOPPED.

MY VISION ...
I NEED TO BUY TIME.


BUT IF I TELL THE TRUTH, I'M IN REAL TROUBLE.... DAMN IT, HOW DO I GET OUT OF THIS...?
I DON'T HAVE A WAY TO DEACTIVATE "MISSILE MAN"!!
A MINUTE ...
GIVE ME...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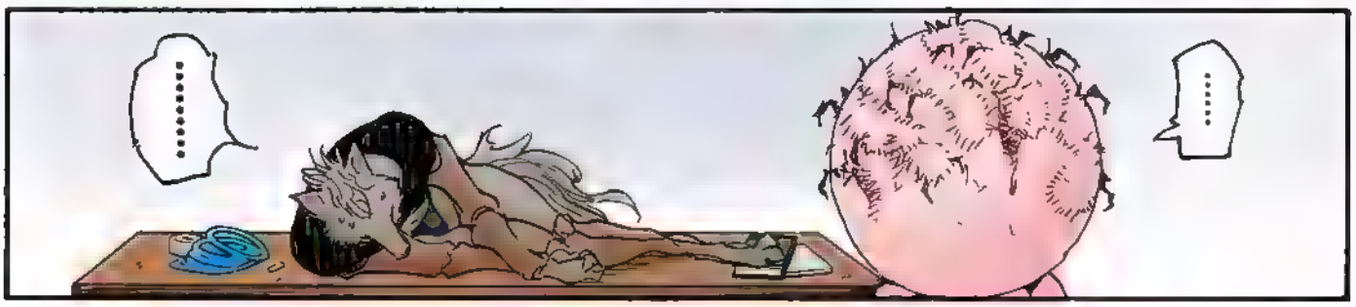
I FEEL FAINT ...
UNTIL I CAN COME UP WITH A GOOD IDEA.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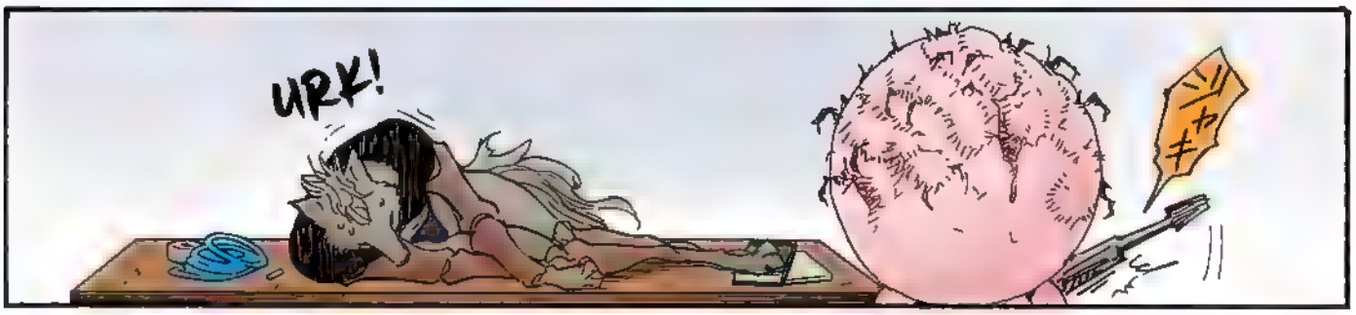
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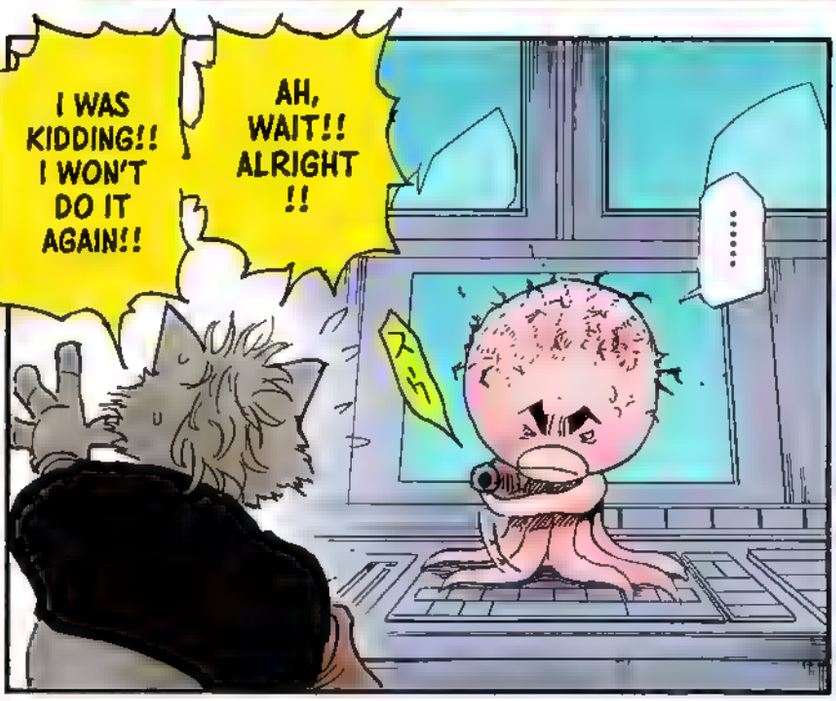
I WAS KIDDING!! I WON'T DO IT AGAIN!!
AH, WAIT!! ALRIGHT !!
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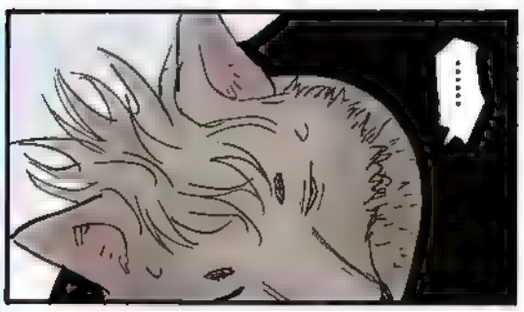
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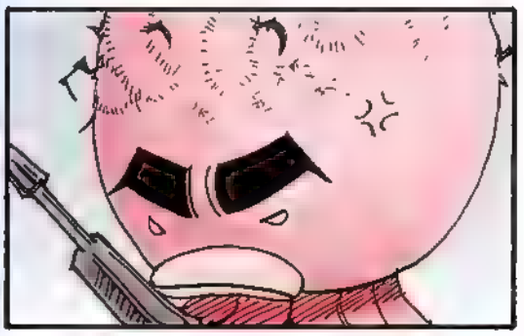
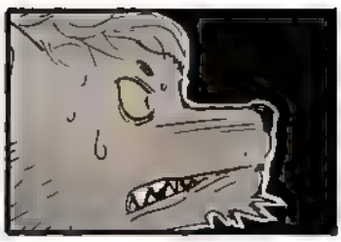
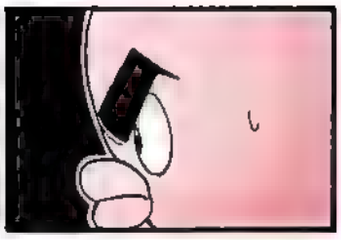
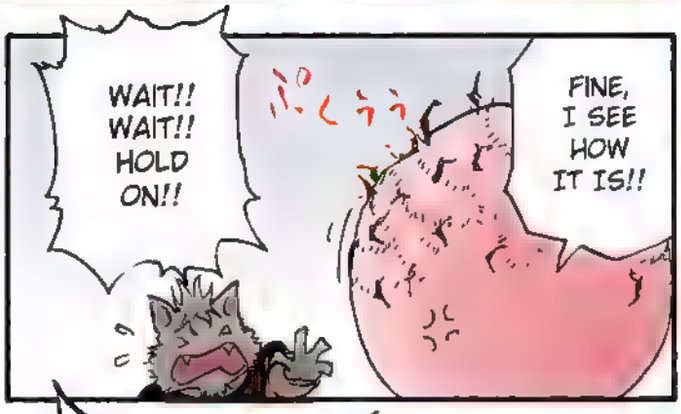
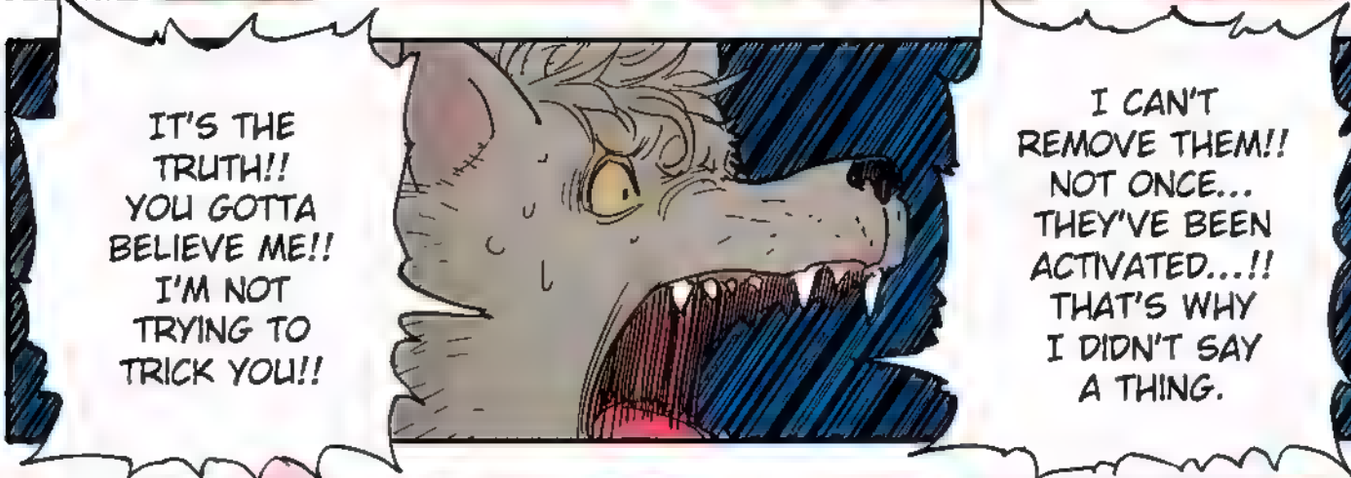


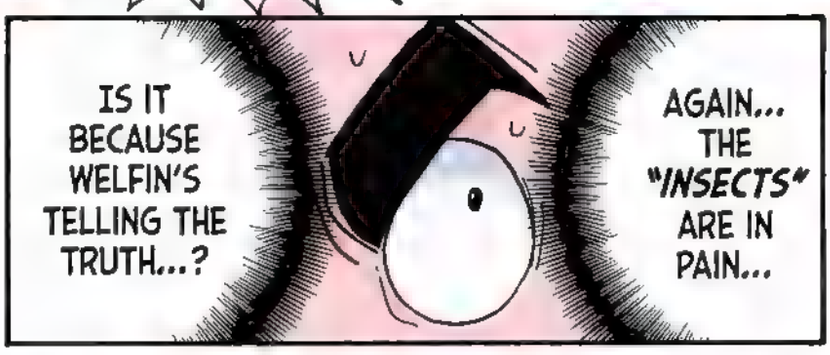


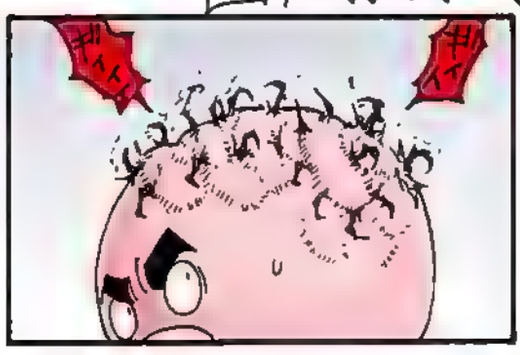


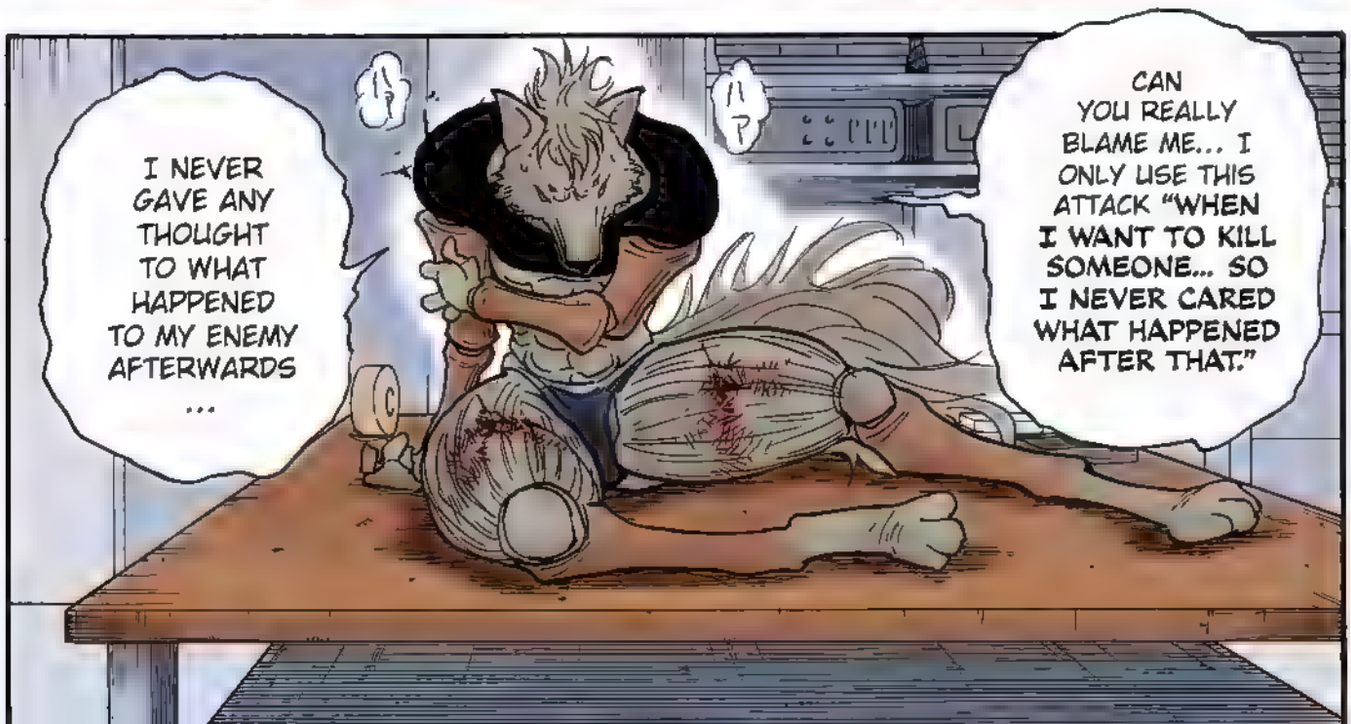

WAIT!! WAIT!! HOLD ON!!
FINE, I SEE HOW IT IS!!

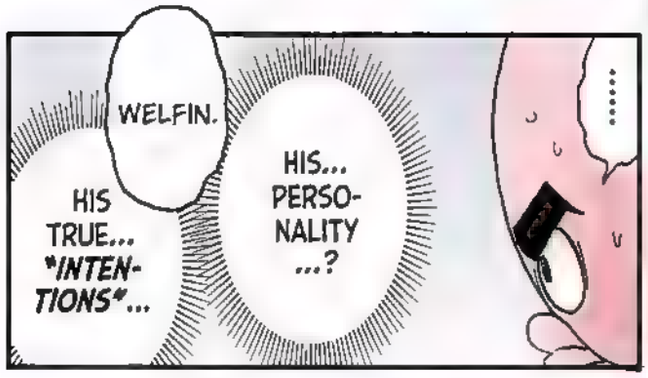
YEAH, UH... SO, THE THING IS...
GHK!
THEN GET RID OF THESE!!


IT'S THE TRUTH!! YOU GOTTA BELIEVE ME!! I'M NOT TRYING TO TRICK YOU!!
I CAN'T REMOVE THEM!! NOT ONCE... THEY'VE BEEN ACTIVATED...!! THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T SAY A THING.


IS IT BECAUSE WELFIN'S TELLING THE TRUTH...?
AGAIN... THE "INSECTS" ARE IN PAIN...




I NEVER GAVE ANY THOUGHT TO WHAT HAPPENED TO MY ENEMY AFTERWARDS ...
CAN YOU REALLY BLAME ME... I ONLY USE THIS ATTACK "WHEN I WANT TO KILL SOMEONE... SO I NEVER CARED WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT."


WELFIN.
HIS TRUE... *INTENTIONS*...
HIS... PERSONALITY ...?
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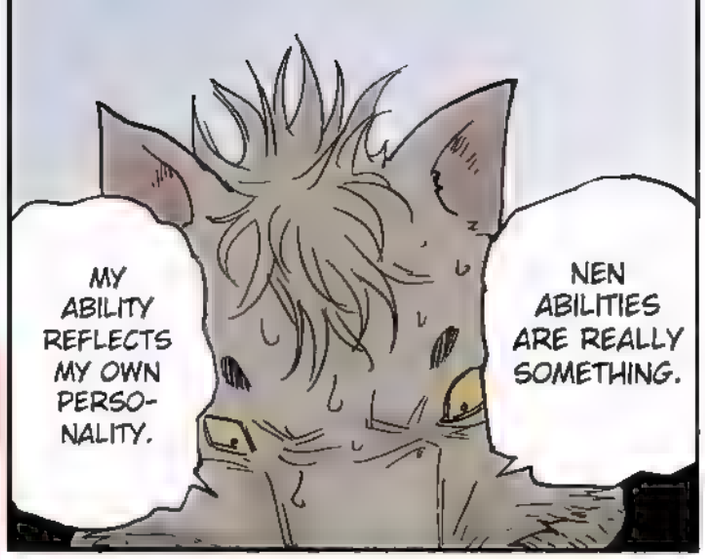
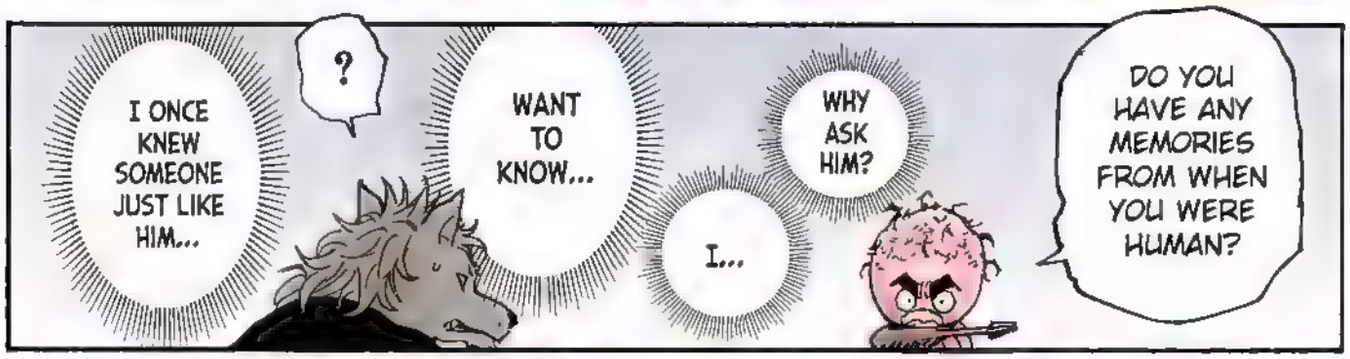
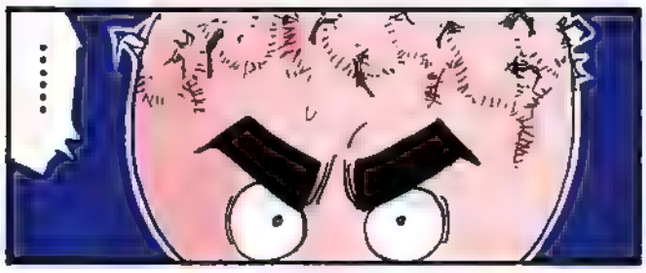

MY ABILITY REFLECTS MY OWN PERSONALITY.
NEN ABILITIES ARE REALLY SOMETHING.


I ONCE KNEW SOMEONE JUST LIKE HIM...
?
WANT TO KNOW...
WHY ASK HIM?
I...
DO YOU HAVE ANY MEMORIES FROM WHEN YOU WERE HUMAN?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I CAN'T RECALL.
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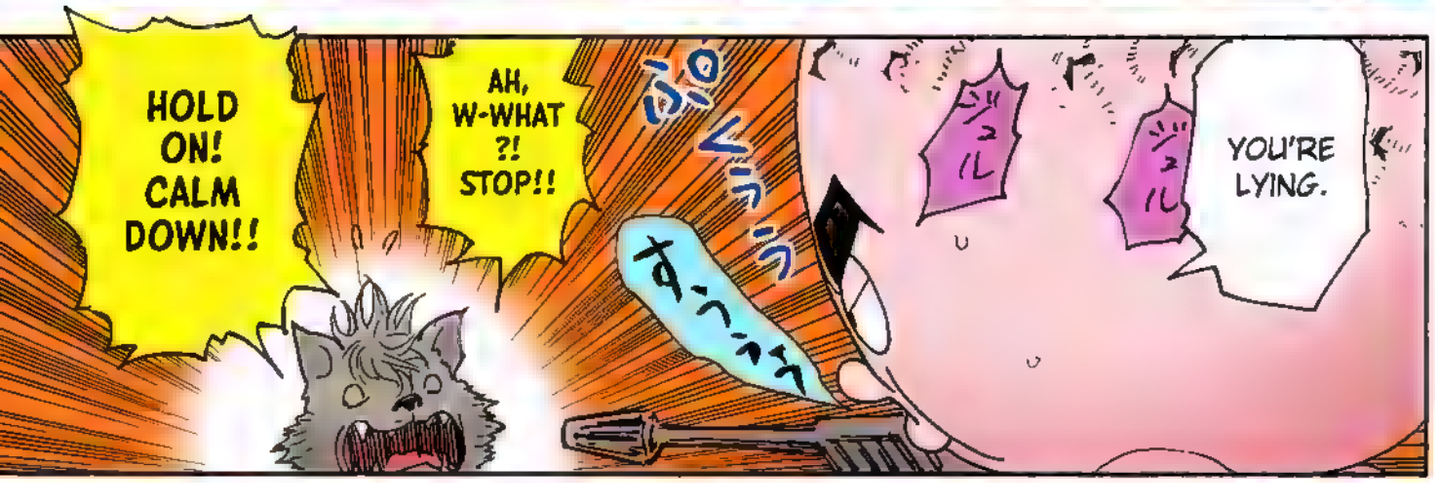
WHY ARE YOU ASKING ABOUT THAT?


HOLD ON! CALM DOWN!!
AH, W-WHAT ?! STOP!!
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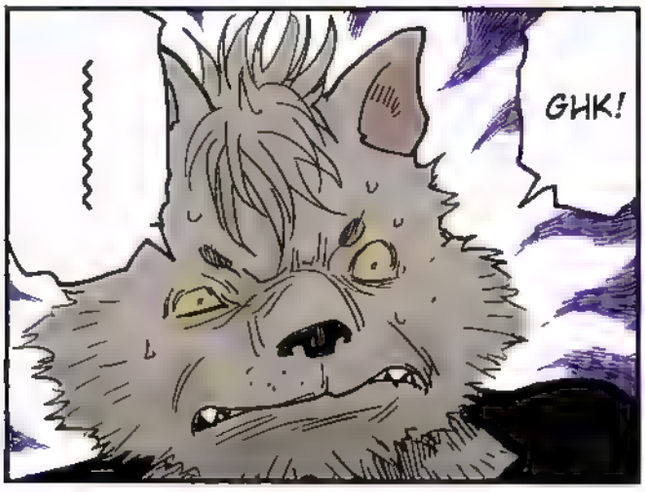
YOU'RE LYING.


GHK!
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...IF YOU DON'T TELL ME THE TRUTH ...!!
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I'LL SHOOT YOU...
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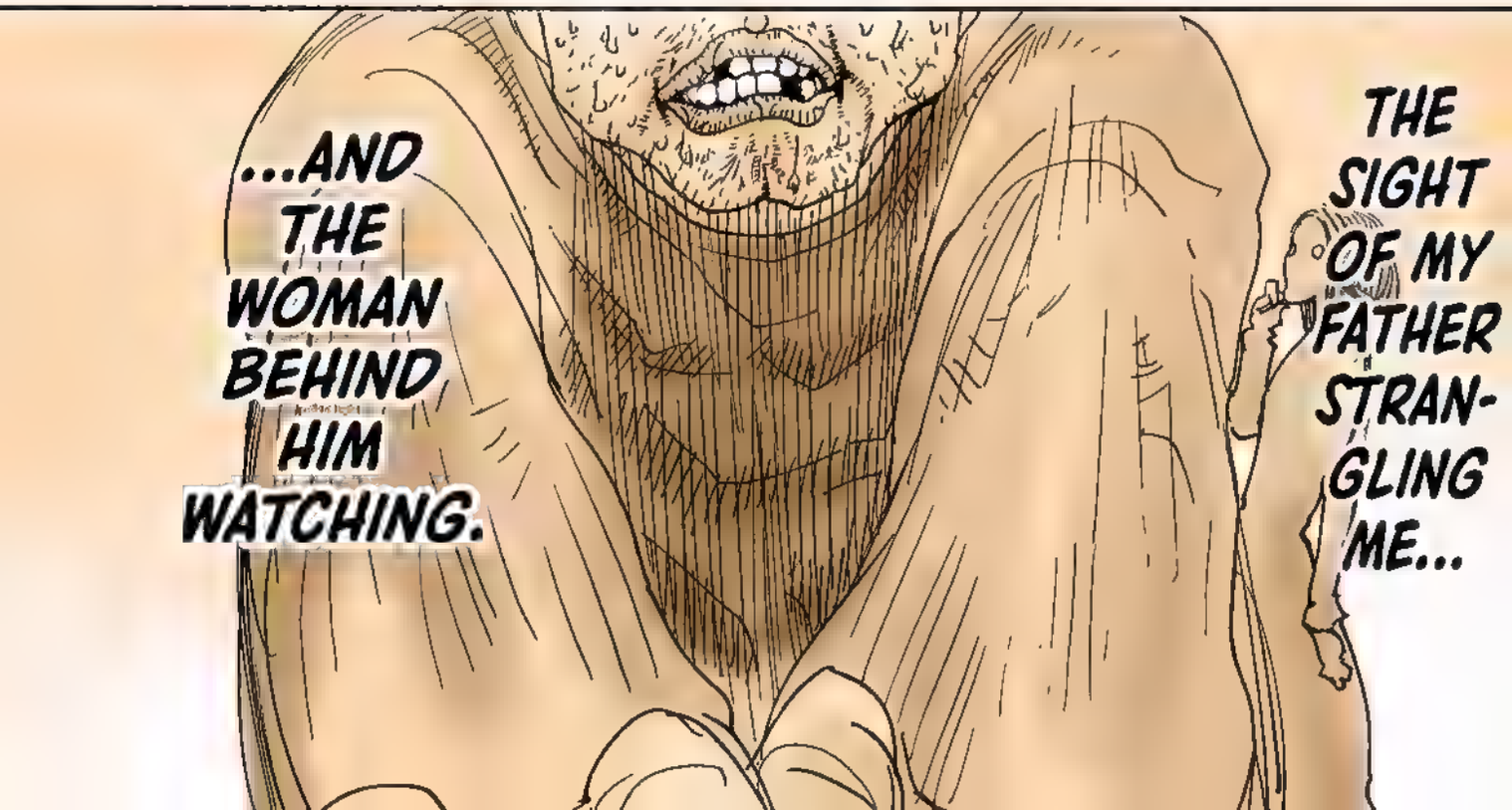
"I CAN STILL REMEMBER IT."
"DAMN IT."

"I STILL REMEMBER IT."
WHEN I FIRST WOKE UP, MY FIRST THOUGHT WAS...

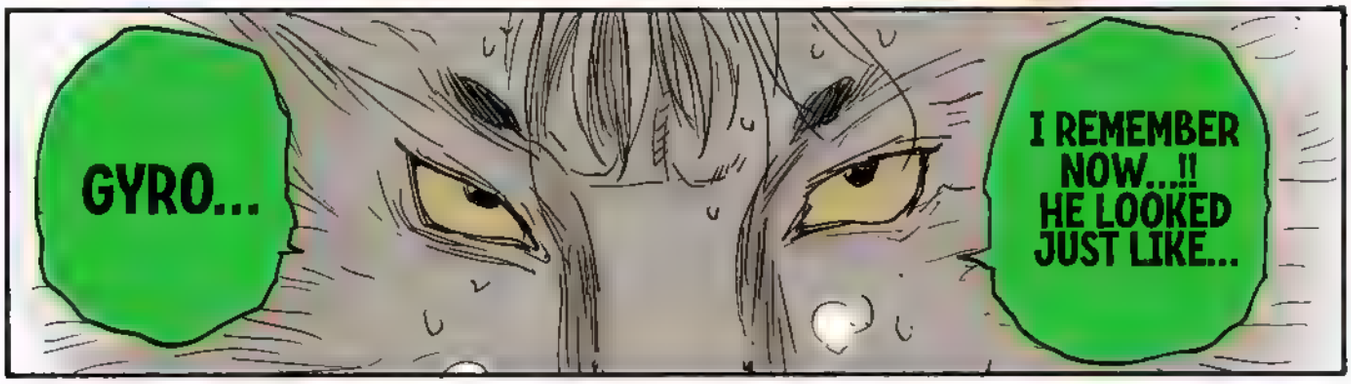
I WAS FED TO THE QUEEN, AND REBORN AS SOMETHING NEW...
IN THE JUNGL... THAT'S WHERE THOSE MONSTER BUGS KILLED ME...

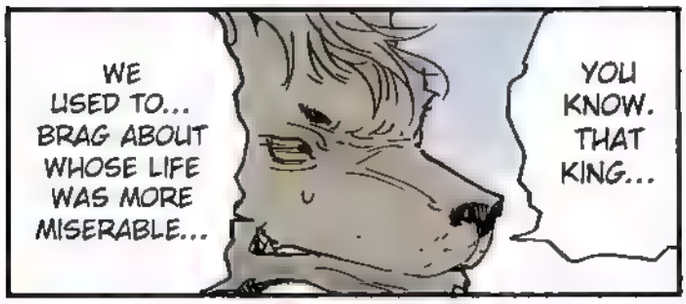
...WAS THE THING I WANTED TO FORGET.
THE ONE THING... THAT I STILL REMEMBER...

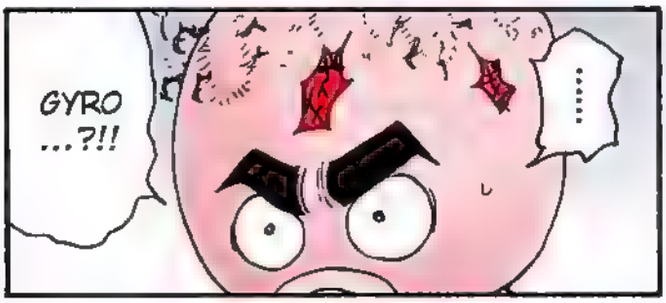

...AND THE WOMAN BEHIND HIM WATCHING.
THE SIGHT OF MY FATHER STRANGLING ME...

OVER TIME, I REMEMBERED THE ENTIRE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS.
AT FIRST, I ONLY HAD FLASH-BACKS OF IT.

...MY LITTLE BROTHER. WHO WASN'T BLOOD RELATED TO ME.
I WAS SAVED BY...


GYRO...
I REMEMBER NOW...!! HE LOOKED JUST LIKE...


WE USED TO... BRAG ABOUT WHOSE LIFE WAS MORE MISERABLE...
YOU KNOW. THAT KING...


GYRO ...?!!
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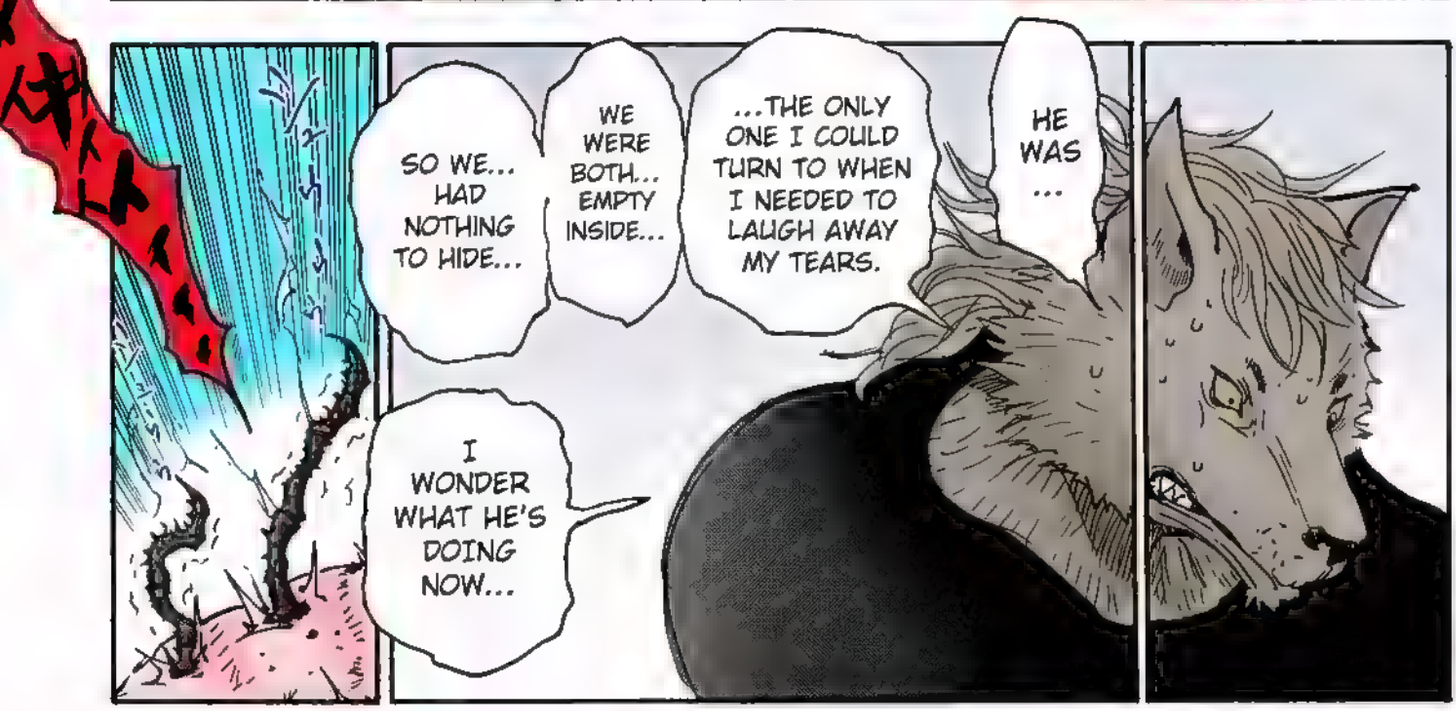
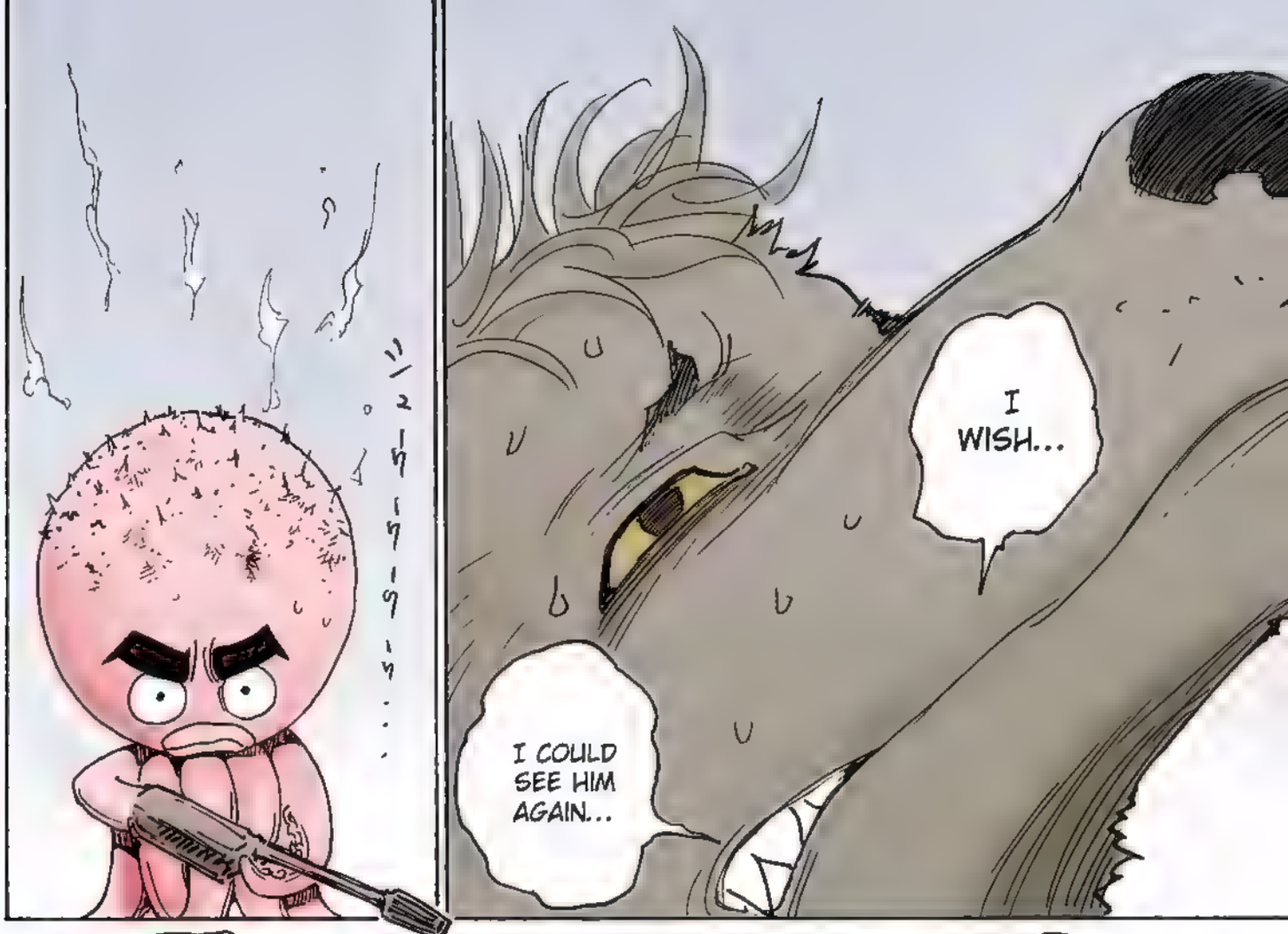
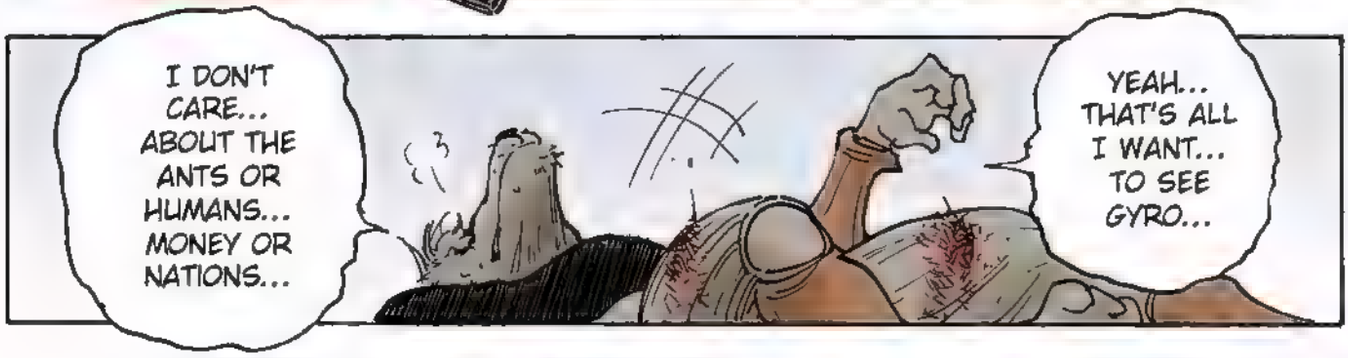
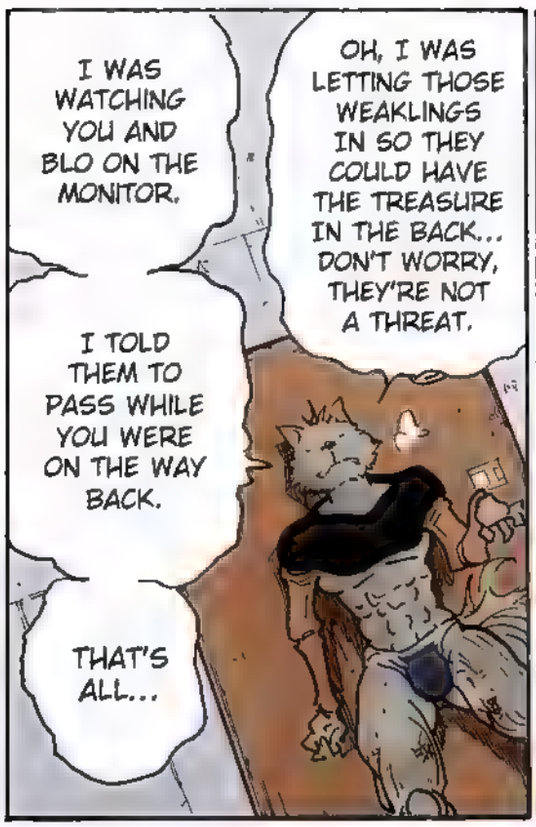

SO WE... HAD NOTHING TO HIDE...
WE WERE BOTH... EMPTY INSIDE...
...THE ONLY ONE I COULD TURN TO WHEN I NEEDED TO LAUGH AWAY MY TEARS.
HE WAS ...
I WONDER WHAT HE'S DOING NOW...


I WISH...
I COULD SEE HIM AGAIN...

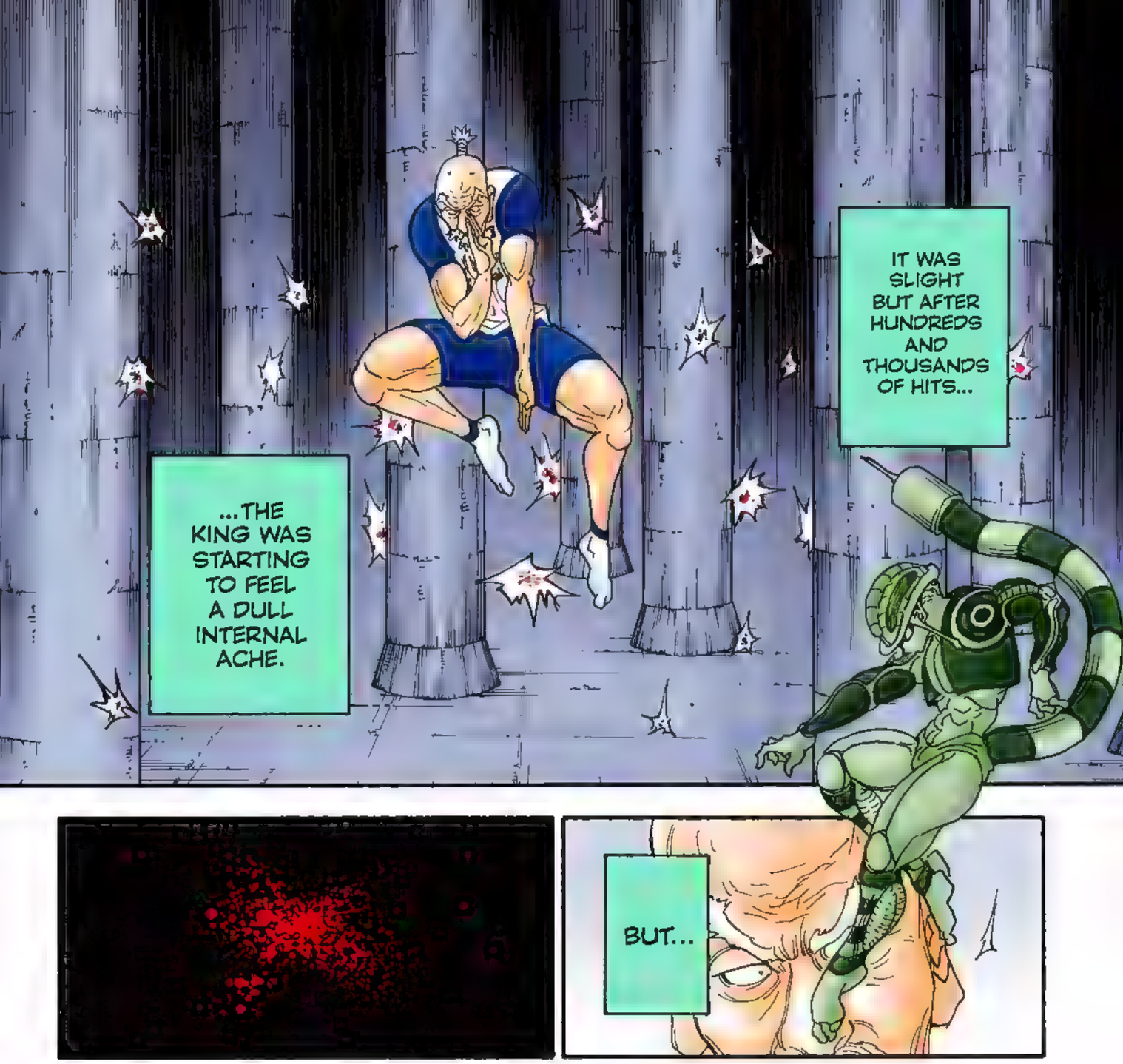

I DON'T CARE... ABOUT THE ANTS OR HUMANS... MONEY OR NATIONS...
YEAH... THAT'S ALL I WANT... TO SEE GYRO...


I WAS WATCHING YOU AND BLO ON THE MONITOR.
OH, I WAS LETTING THOSE WEAKLINGS IN SO THEY COULD HAVE THE TREASURE IN THE BACK... DON'T WORRY, THEY'RE NOT A THREAT.
I TOLD THEM TO PASS WHILE YOU WERE ON THE WAY BACK.
THAT'S ALL...

HM?
WHY DID YOU OPEN THE DOORS ?

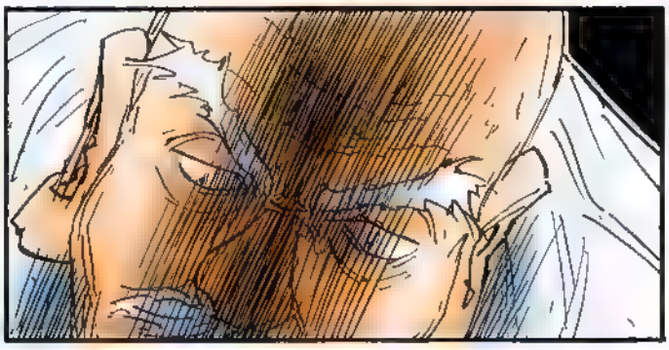
DON'T YOU STILL... HAVE THINGS TO DO?
GO. THE BUGS ARE GONE...

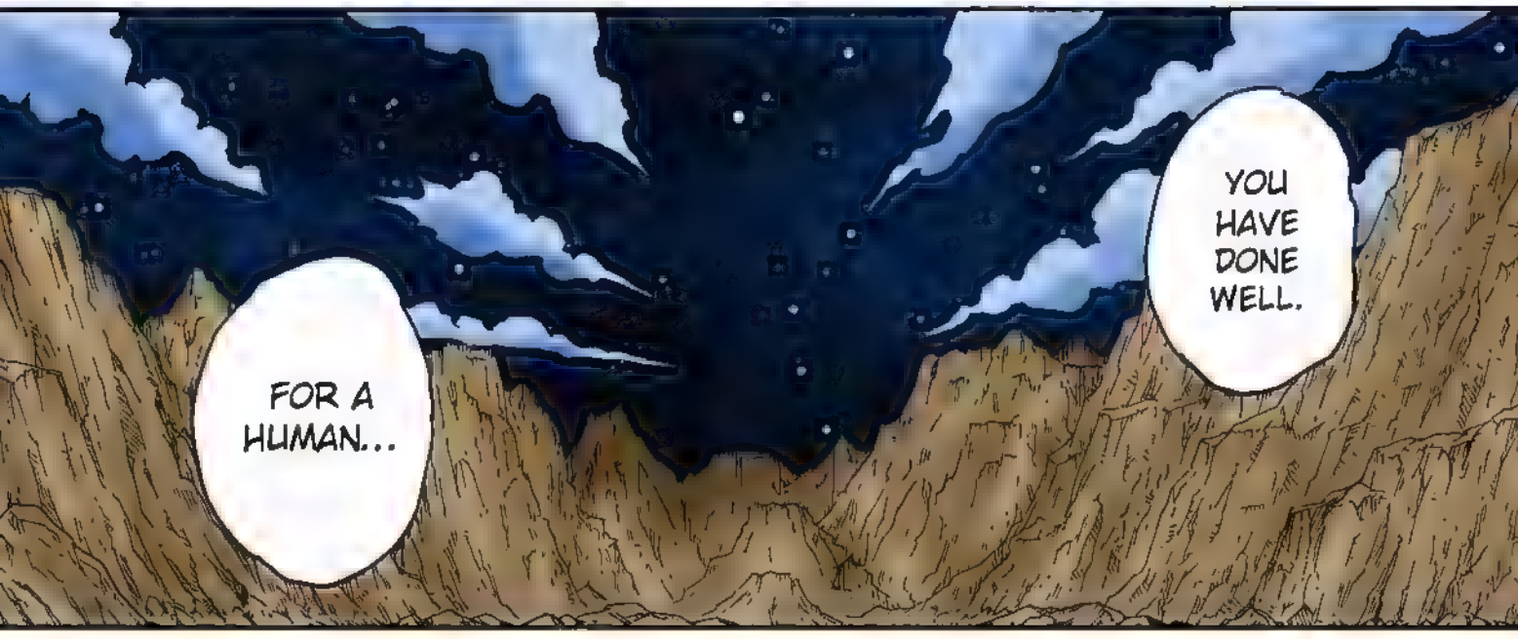
I HAVE ONE LAST QUESTION.
.....
GO ON... I'M TOO TIRED...
I THOUGHT YOU'D BE AN EASY TARGET. I COULDN'T HAVE BEEN MORE WRONG.
ONCE I SAW THAT YOU COULDN'T FINISH BLO...
NOT SURE IF IT'S THE ONE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT...
A WOMAN ?
DID YOU SEE A HUMAN WOMAN IN THE PALACE?
THEY CALL IT NUMBER ONE... HEH HEH.
GHK ...!
TAKE THE ELEVATOR UP, THEN TURN LEFT. IT'S THE ROOM AT THE END OF THE HALL.
!!
BUT THE ROYAL GUARD CAPTURED A HUMAN... AND PUT HER IN A COCOON...
WHAT'S SO FUNNY ?
HAH HAH HAH!
HEH HEH...
TELLING THE TRUTH FEELS REALLY GOOD...
I WAS JUST THINKING...

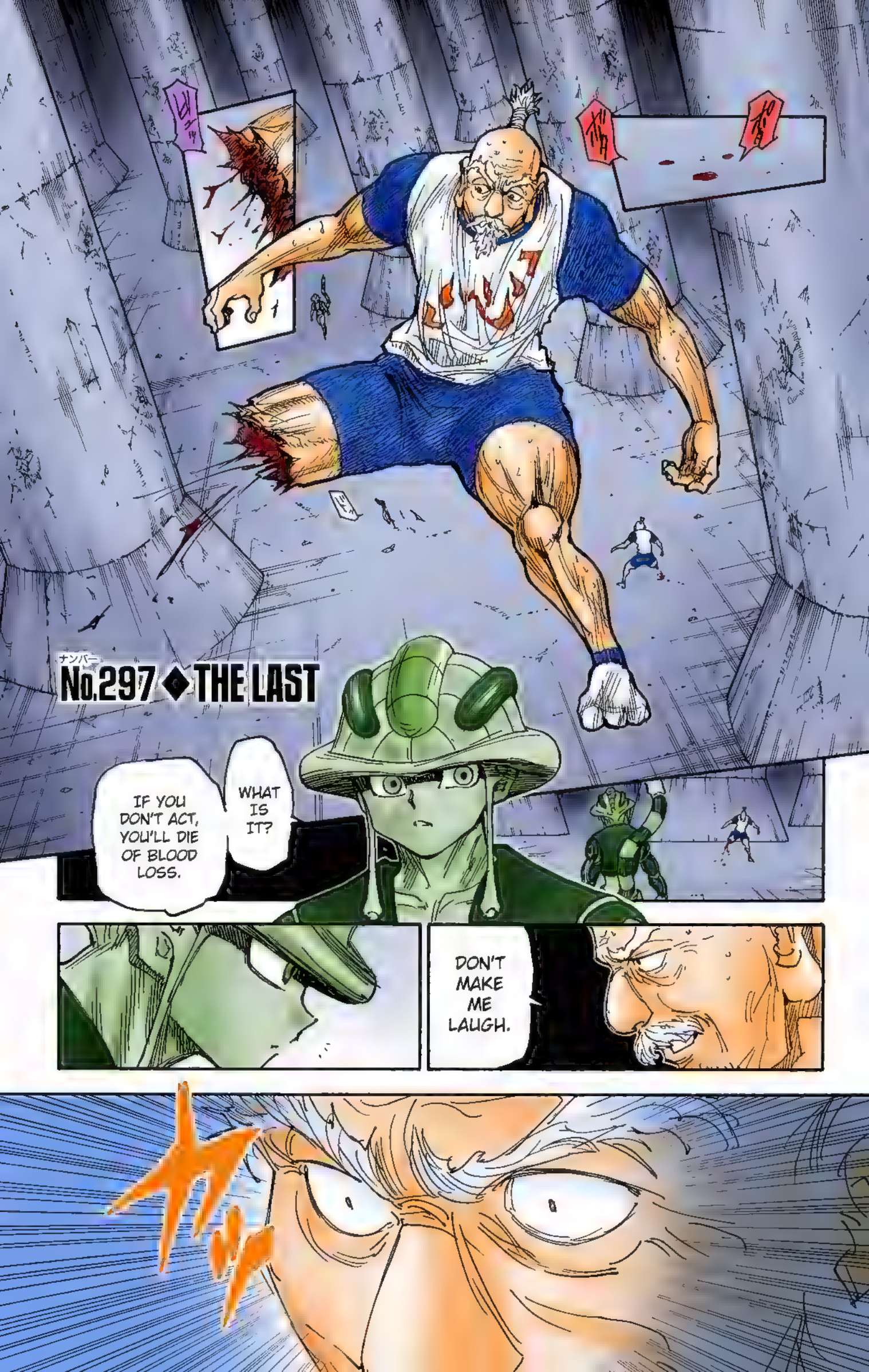

...THE KING WAS STARTING TO FEEL A DULL INTERNAL ACHE.
IT WAS SLIGHT BUT AFTER HUNDREDS AND THOUSANDS OF HITS...

BUT...

AND TELL ME MY NAME.
STOP THE BLEEDING.




YOU HAVE DONE WELL.
FOR A HUMAN...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No.297 ◆ THE LAST
IF YOU DON'T ACT, YOU'LL DIE OF BLOOD LOSS.
WHAT IS IT?
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH.

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WHO'S GOING TO DIE?
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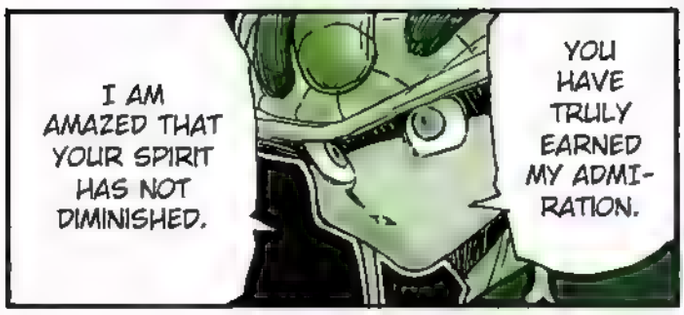
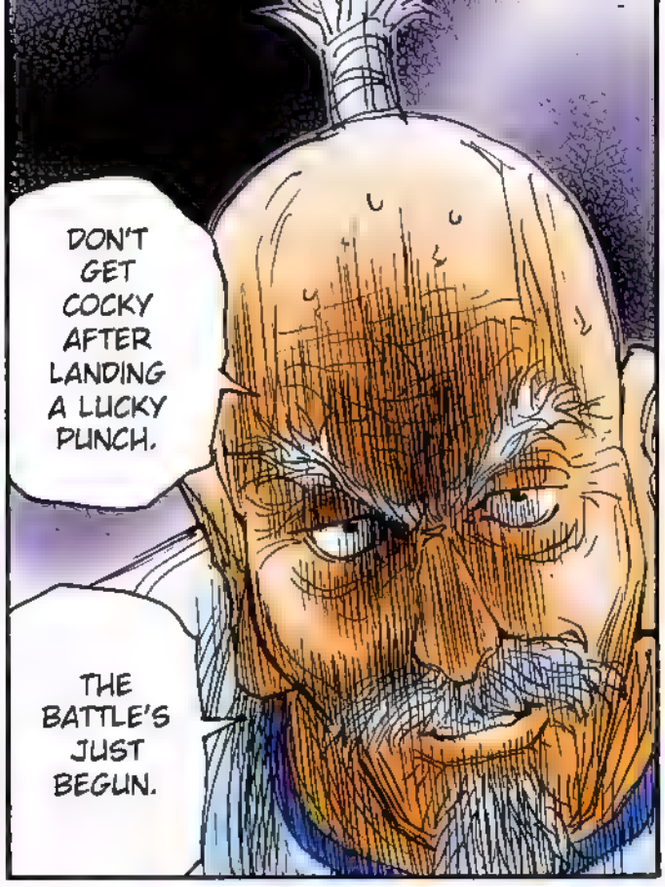
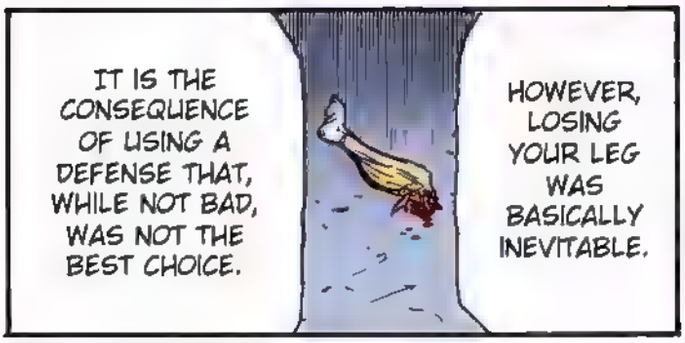
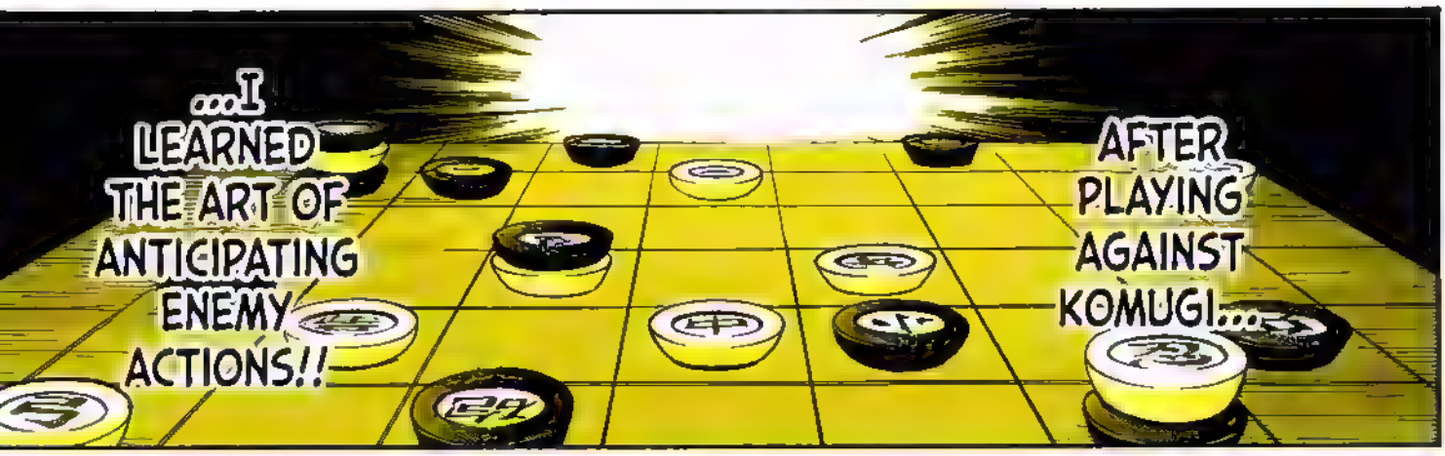
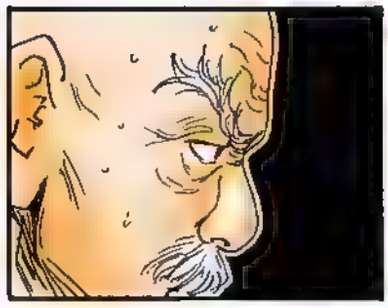

I AM AMAZED THAT YOUR SPIRIT HAS NOT DIMINISHED.
YOU HAVE TRULY EARNED MY ADMIRATION.

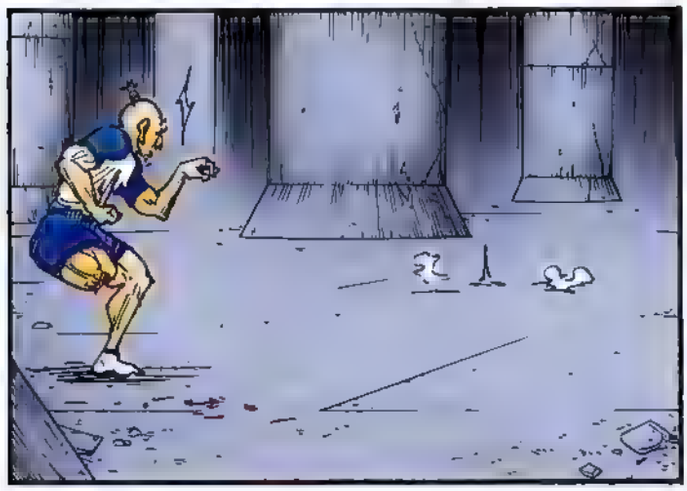

DON'T GET COCKY AFTER LANDING A LUCKY PUNCH.
THE BATTLE'S JUST BEGUN.

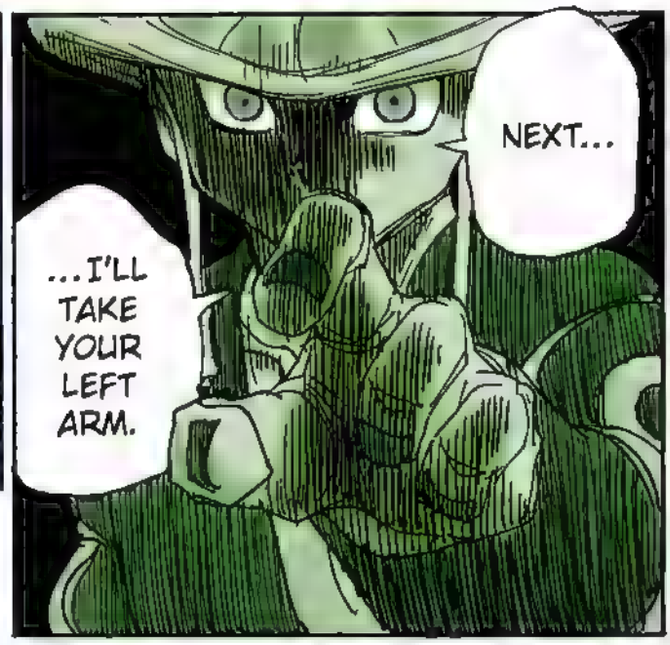

IT IS THE CONSEQUENCE OF USING A DEFENSE THAT, WHILE NOT BAD, WAS NOT THE BEST CHOICE.
HOWEVER, LOSING YOUR LEG WAS BASICALLY INEVITABLE.


...I LEARNED THE ART OF ANTICIPATING ENEMY ACTIONS!!
AFTER PLAYING AGAINST KOMUGI...

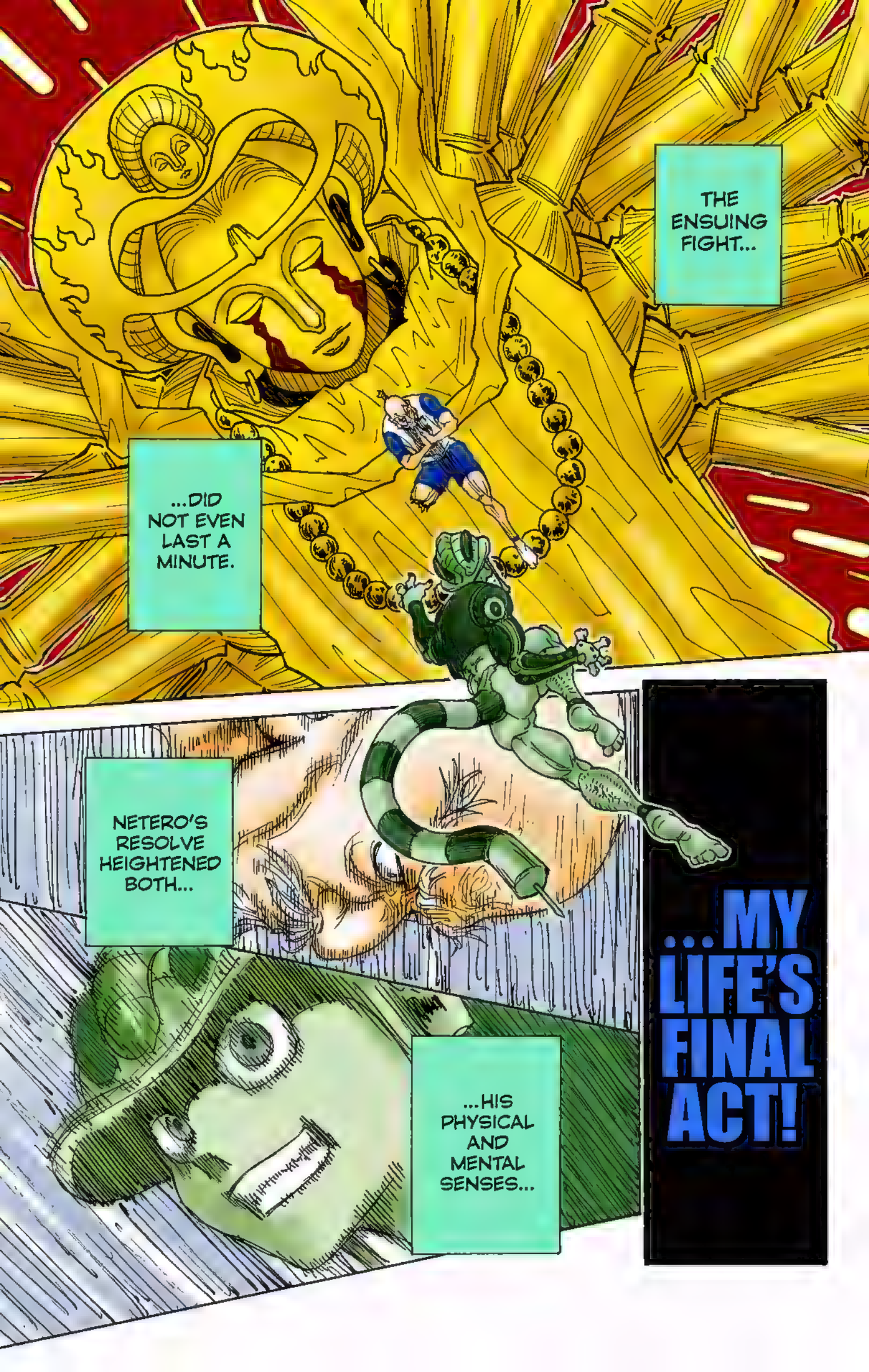


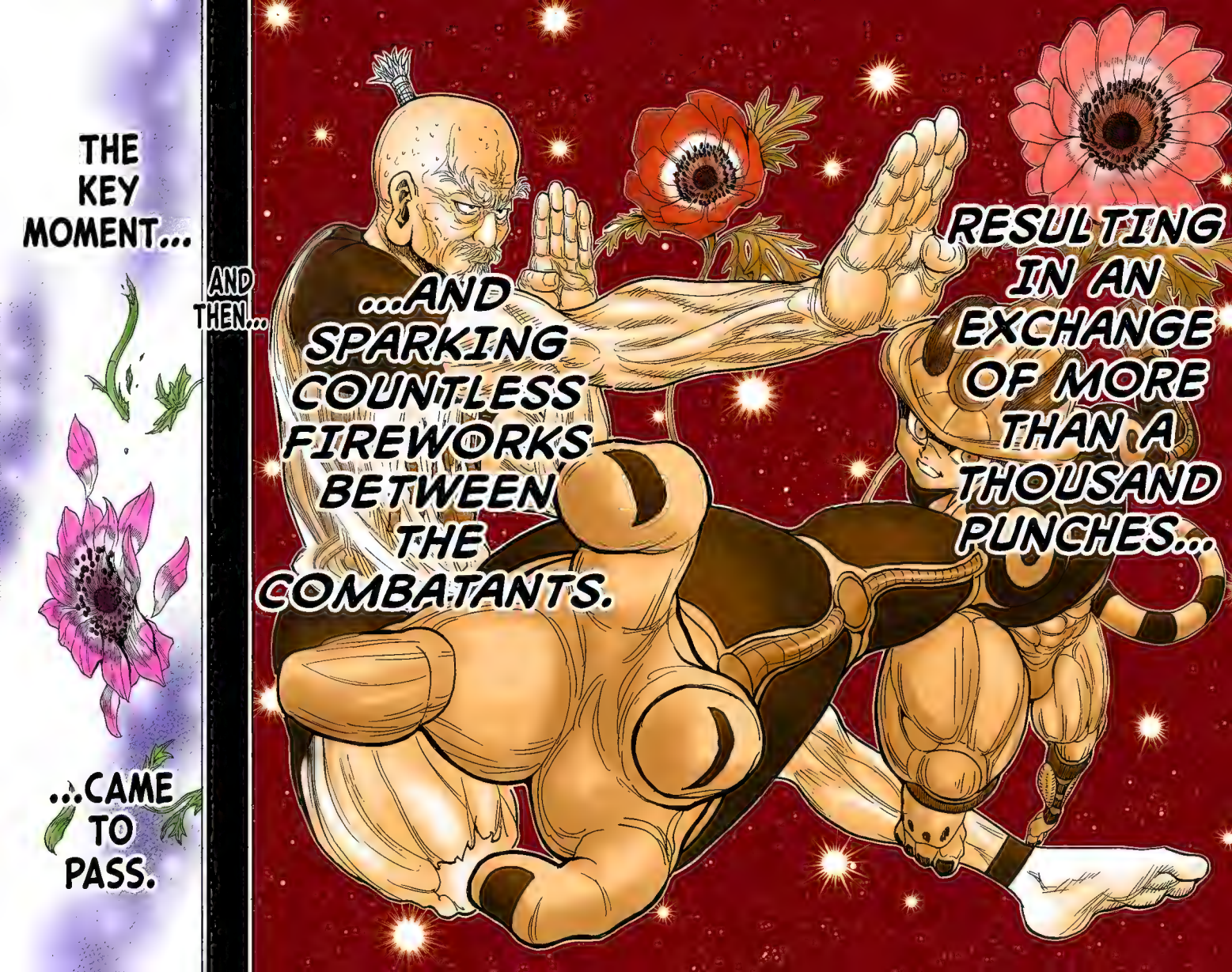
...GIVES ME INSIGHT INTO THE OTHERWISE LIMITLESS OPTIONS YOU HAVE.
YOUR UNCONSCIOUS BIAS... AGAINST CERTAIN PATTERNS...

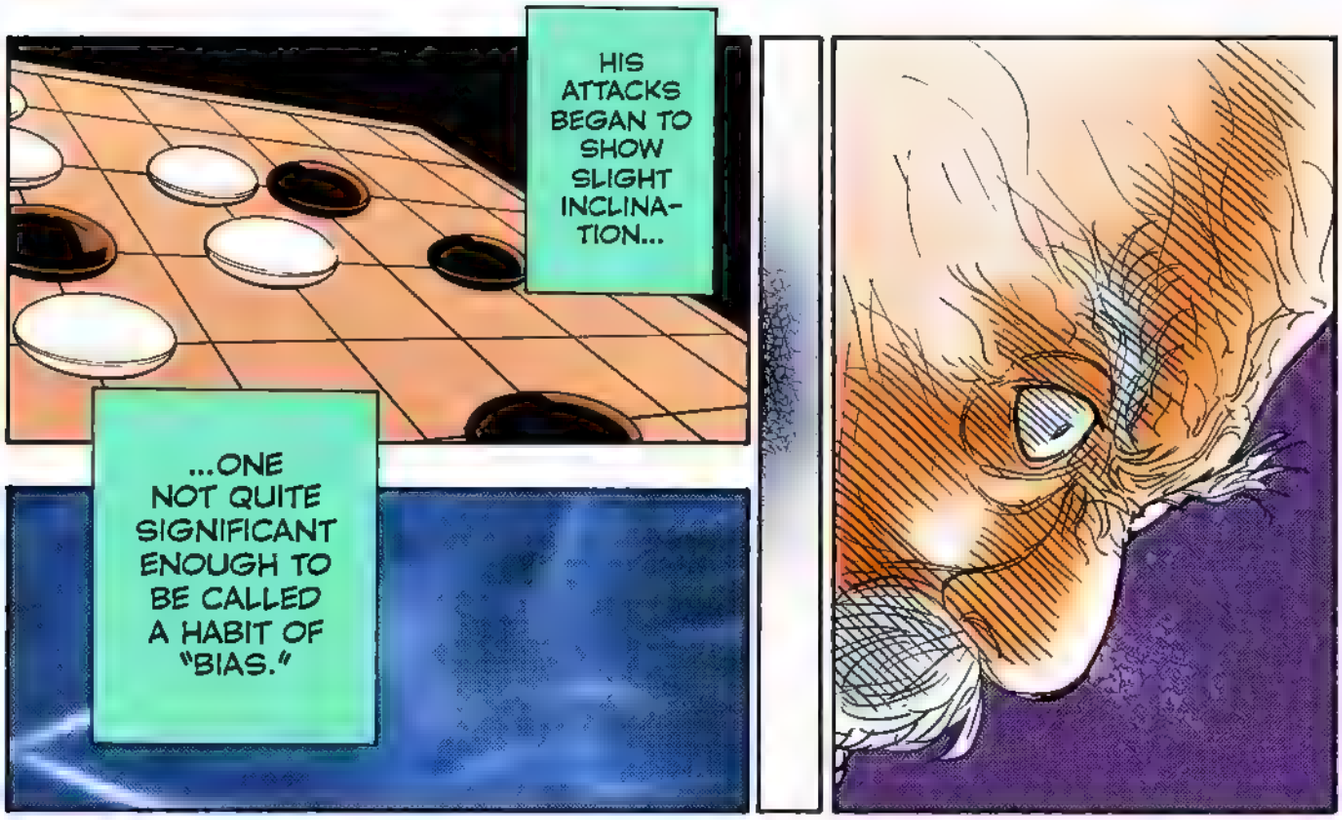


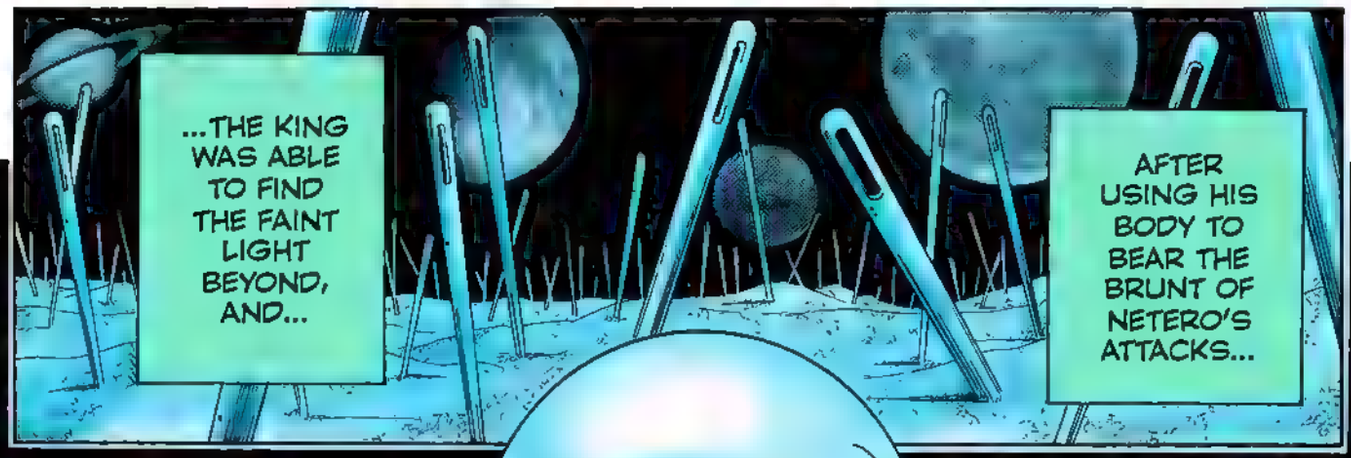

NEXT...
...I'LL TAKE YOUR LEFT ARM.

THIS IS...

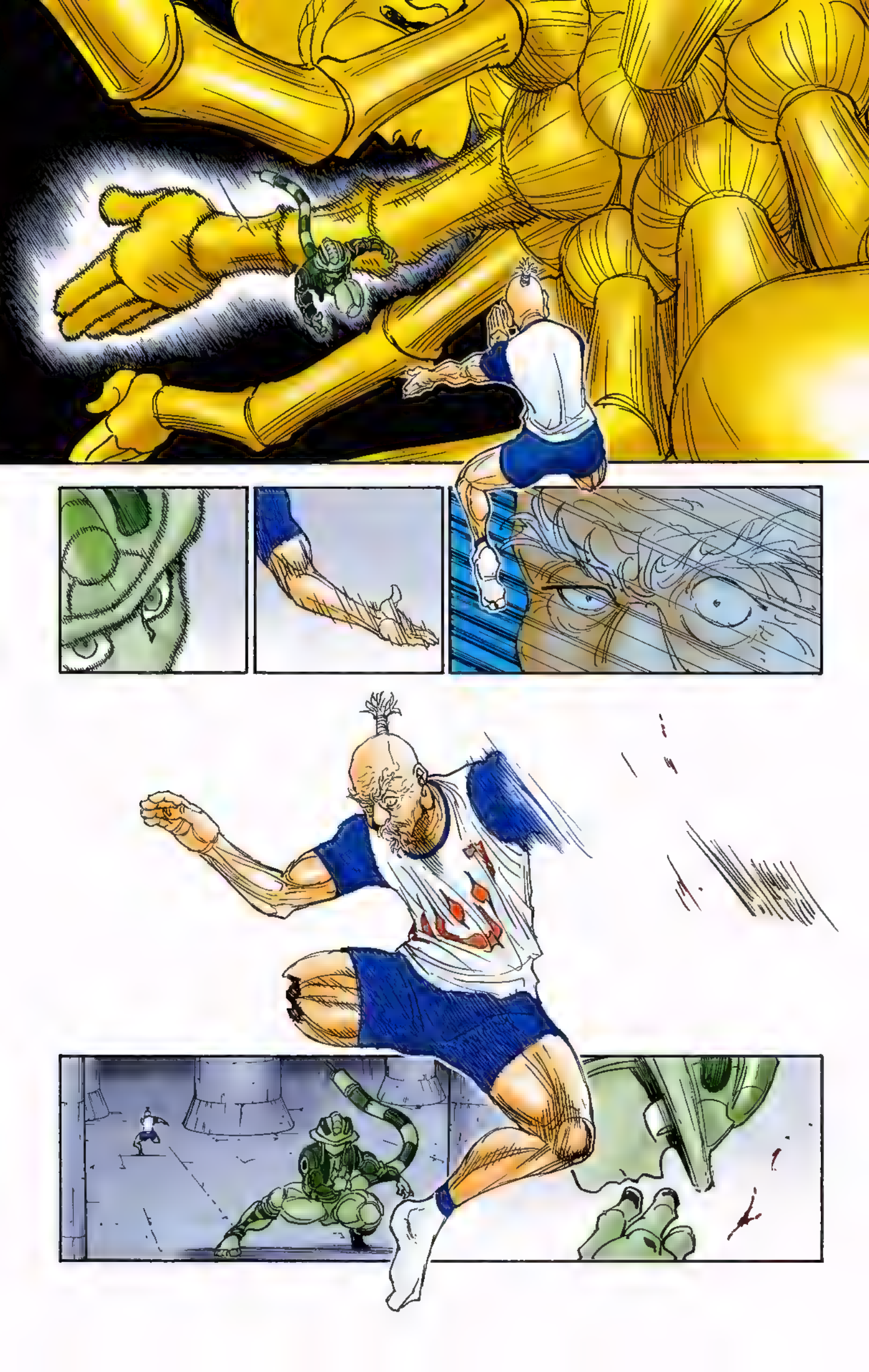

THE ENSUING FIGHT...
...DID NOT EVEN LAST A MINUTE.
NETERO'S RESOLVE HEIGHTENED BOTH...
...HIS PHYSICAL AND MENTAL SENSES...
...MY LIFE'S FINAL ACT!

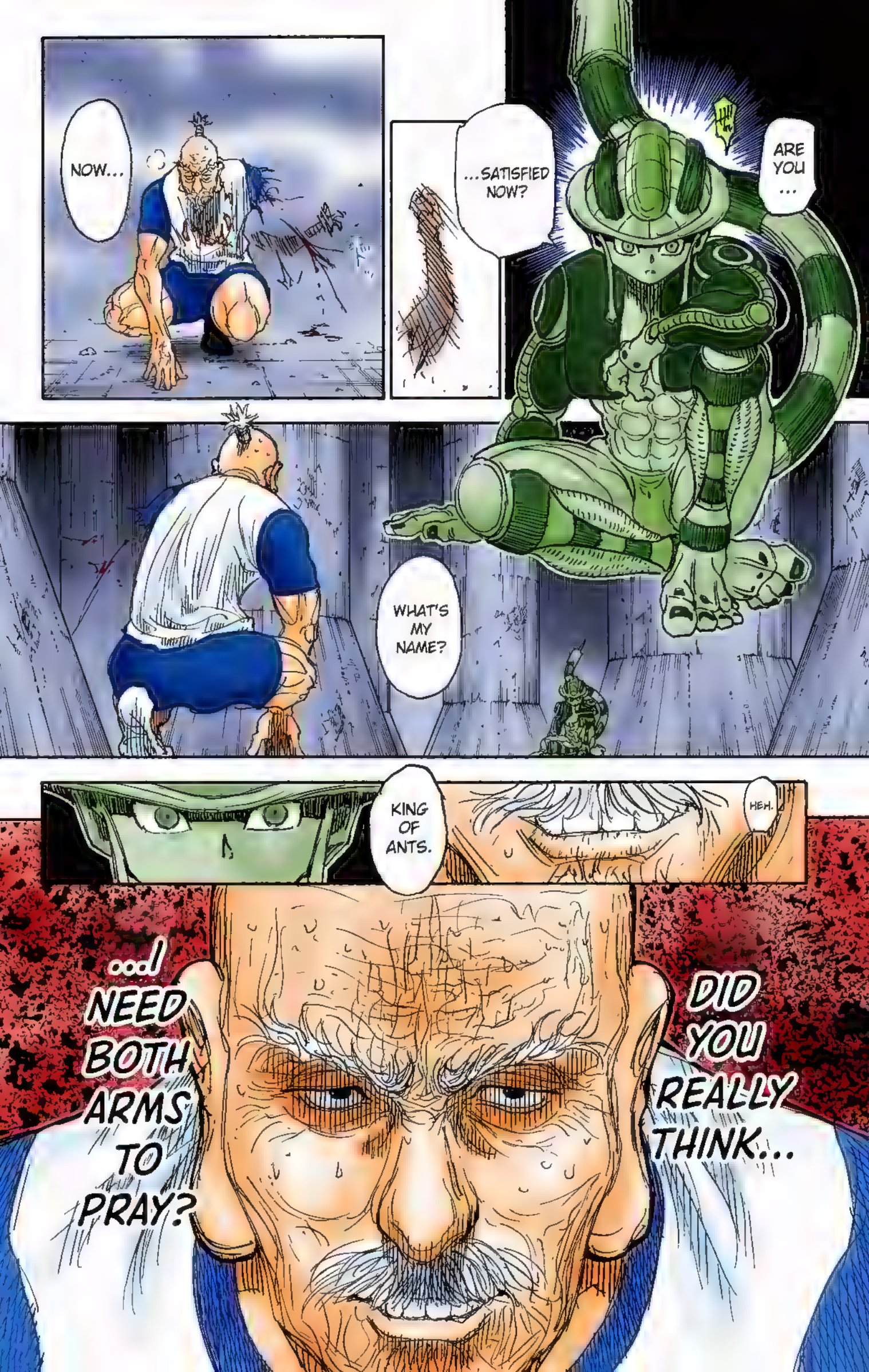

THE KEY MOMENT...
AND THEN...
...AND SPARKING COUNTLESS FIREWORKS BETWEEN THE COMBATANTS.
RESULTING IN AN EXCHANGE OF MORE THAN A THOUSAND PUNCHES...
...CAME TO PASS.

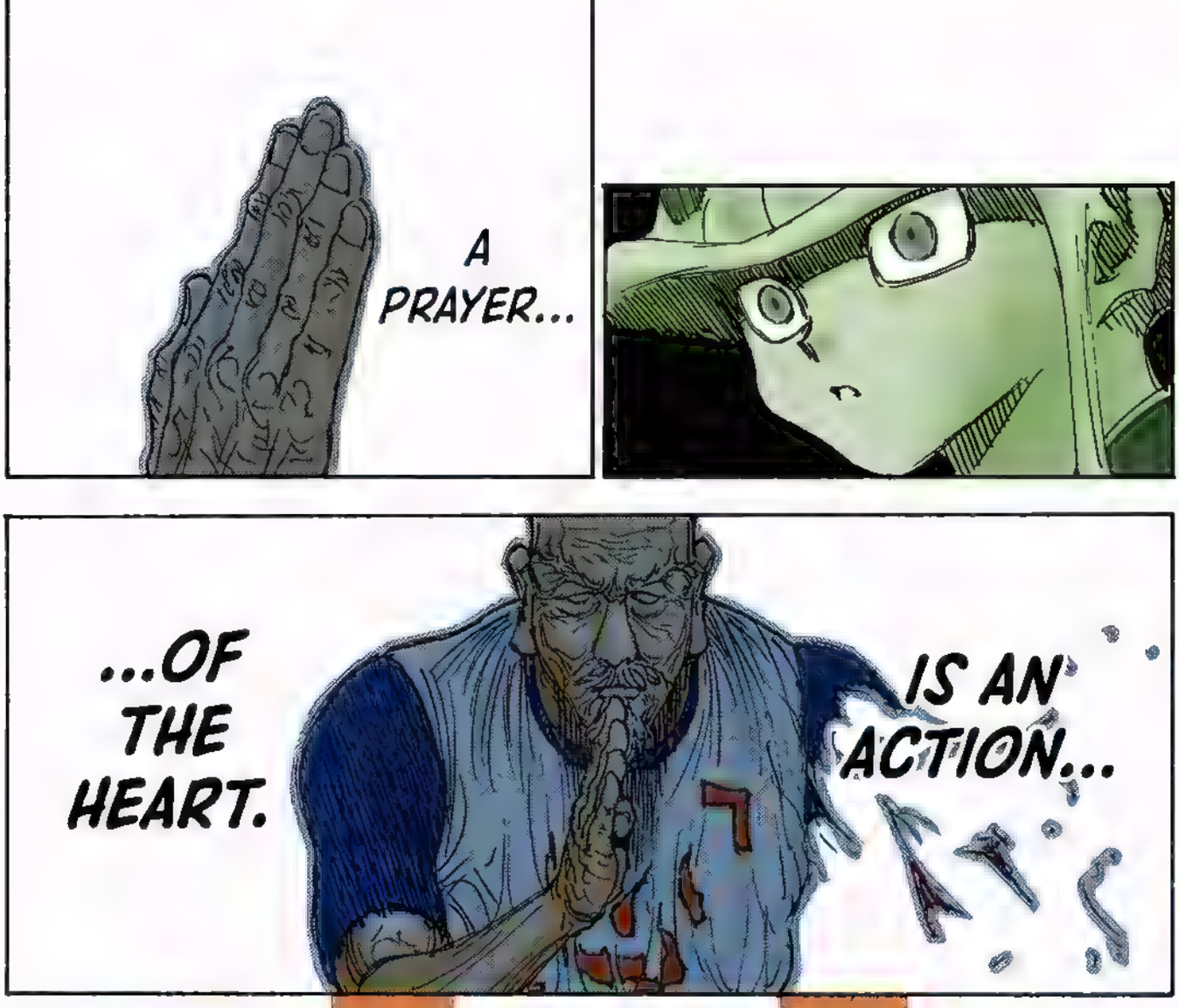

HIS ATTACKS BEGAN TO SHOW SLIGHT INCLINATION...
...ONE NOT QUITE SIGNIFICANT ENOUGH TO BE CALLED A HABIT OF "BIAS."


...THE KING WAS ABLE TO FIND THE FAINT LIGHT BEYOND, AND...
AFTER USING HIS BODY TO BEAR THE BRUNT OF NETERO'S ATTACKS...

...IT'S END.
HE REACHED...




NOW...
...SATISFIED NOW?
ARE YOU ...
WHAT'S MY NAME?
KING OF ANTS.
HEH.
...I NEED BOTH ARMS TO PRAY?
DID YOU REALLY THINK...



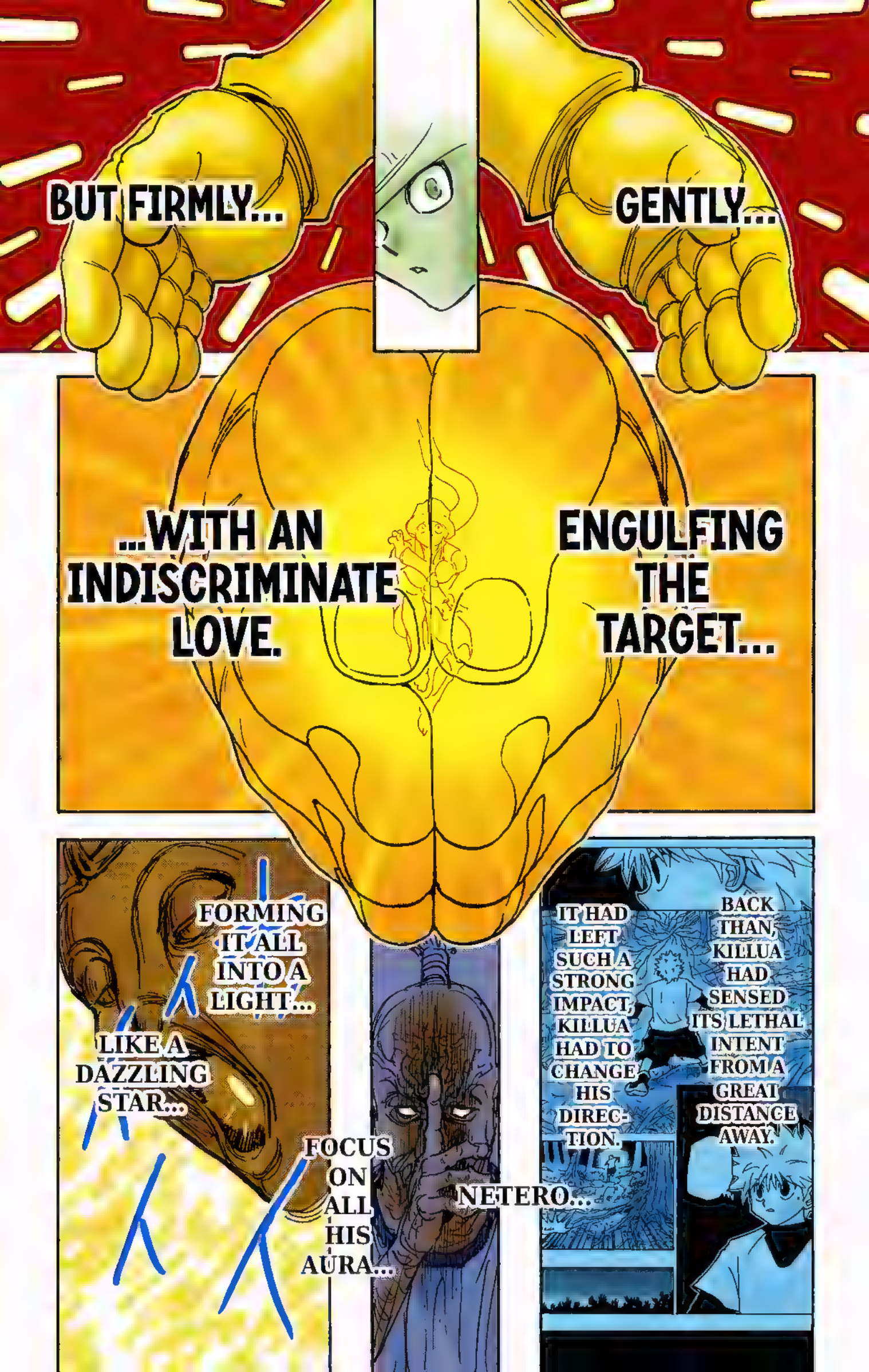
ZERO HAND

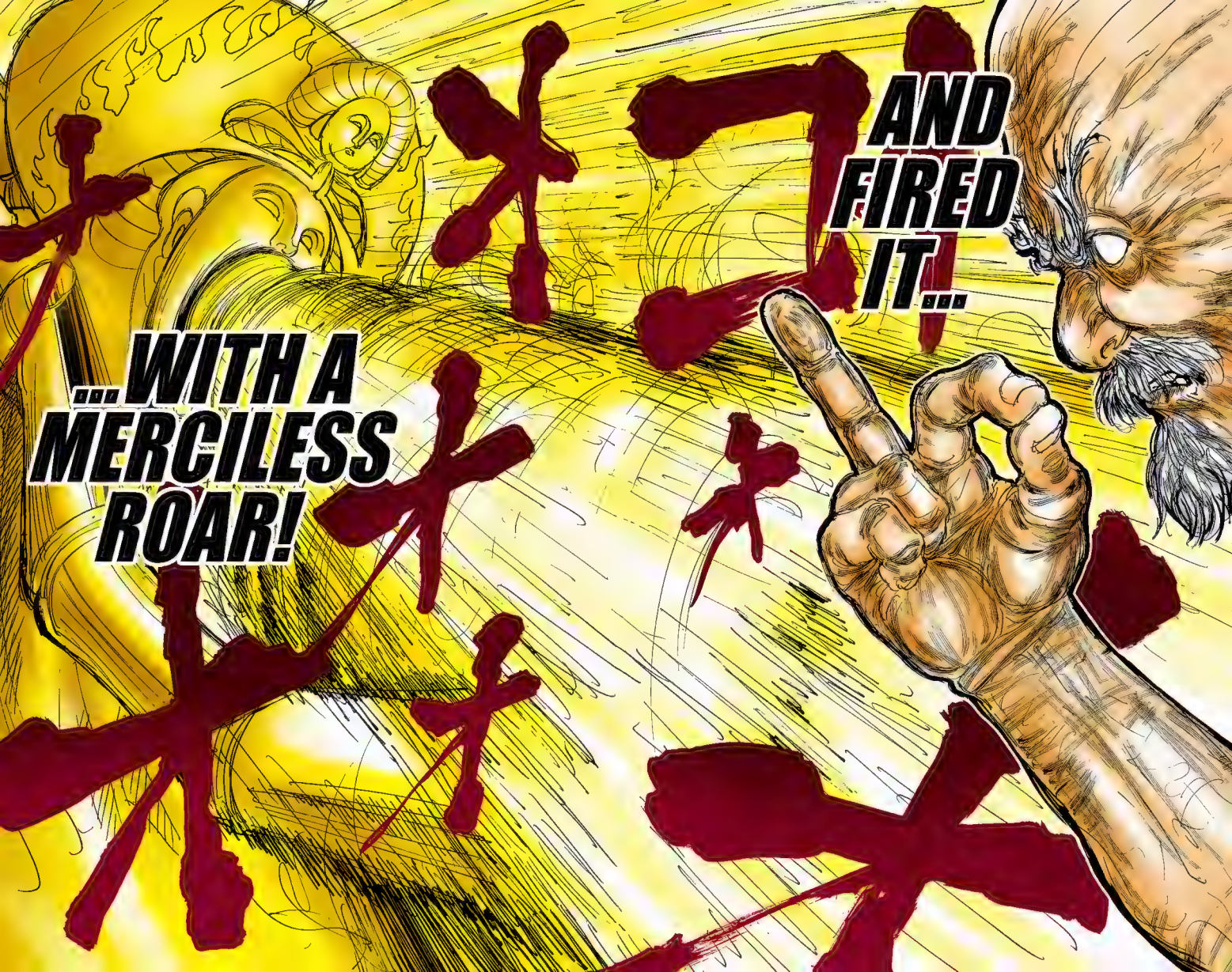
AND THAT WISH BEARS FRUIT.

SHAPED PROPERLY FROM WITHIN, IT TURNS INTO A WISH.

THE 100-TYPE GUAN-YIN BODHI-SATT-VA

...THE GUANYIN MOVES IN FOR HER FINAL ATTACK.
LOOMING FROM BEHIND...


BUT FIRMLY...
GENTLY...
...WITH AN INDISCRIMINATE LOVE.
ENGULFING THE TARGET...
FORMING IT ALL INTO A LIGHT...
LIKE A DAZZLING STAR...
FOCUS ON ALL HIS AURA...
NETERO...
IT HAD LEFT SUCH A STRONG IMPACT, KILLUA HAD TO CHANGE HIS DIREC-TION.
BACK THAN, KILLUA HAD SENSED ITS LETHAL INTENT FROM A GREAT DISTANCE AWAY.


AND FIRED IT...
...WITH A MERCILESS ROAR!

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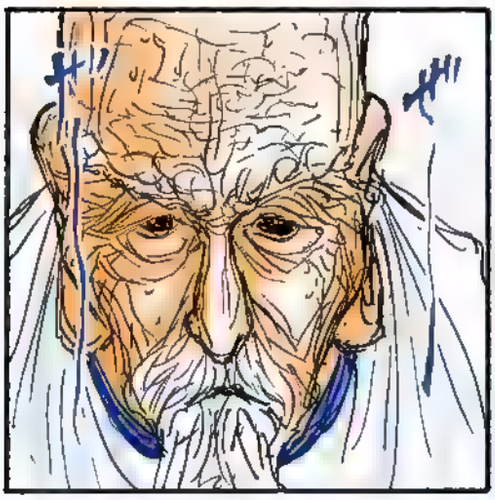
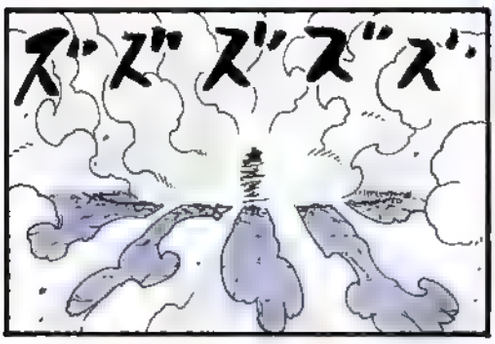
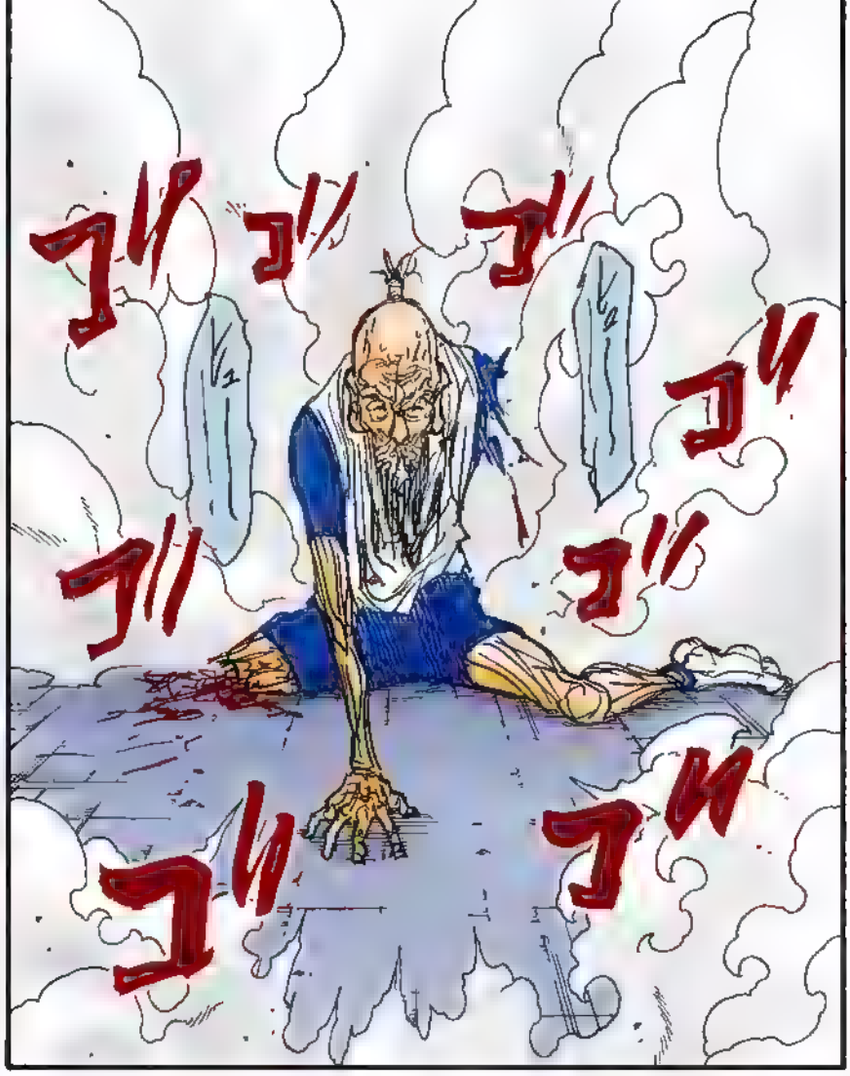
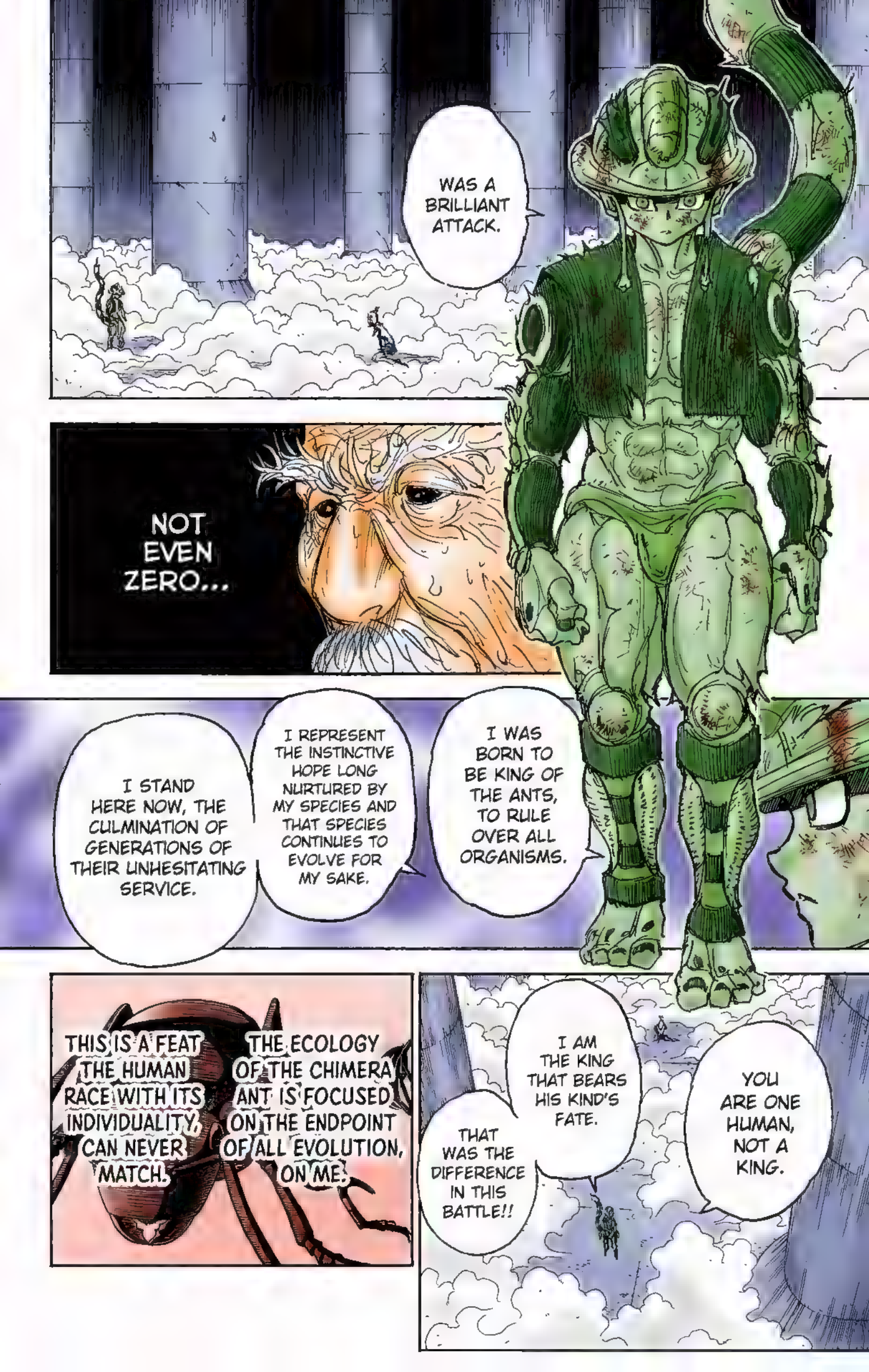


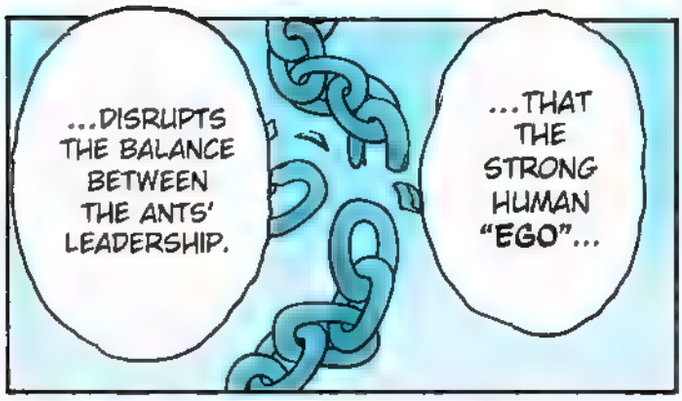


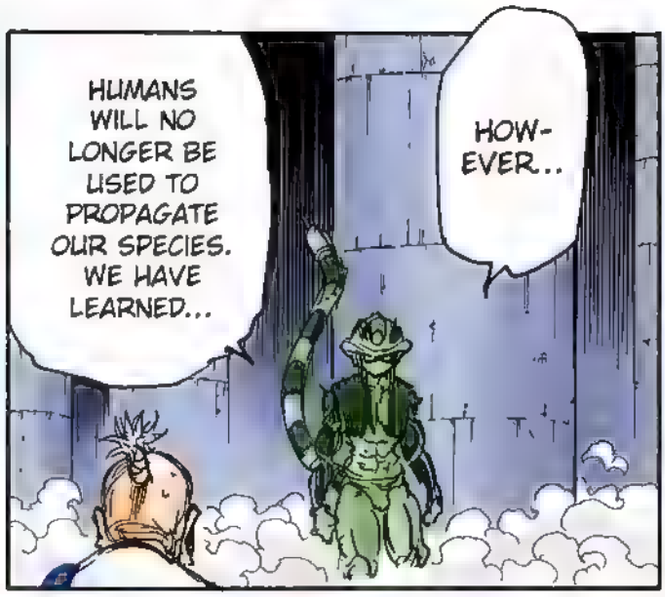


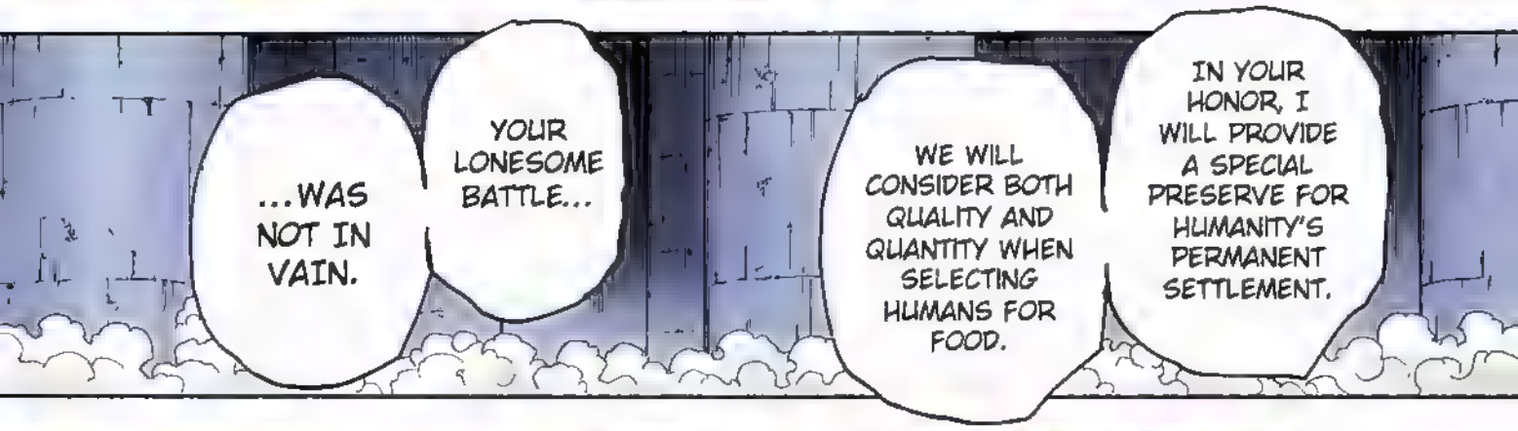
TRULY ...

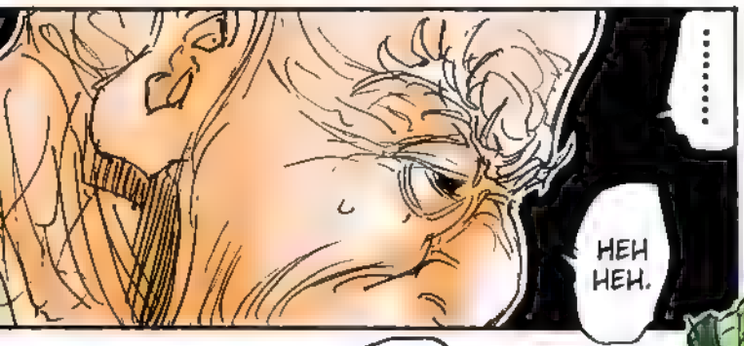
...THE PINNACLE OF MAN.

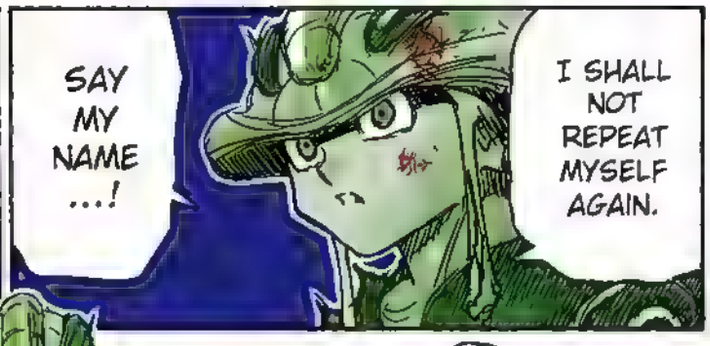

WAS A BRILLIANT ATTACK.
NOT EVEN ZERO...
I STAND HERE NOW, THE CULMINATION OF GENERATIONS OF THEIR UNHESITATING SERVICE.
I REPRESENT THE INSTINCTIVE HOPE LONG NURTURED BY MY SPECIES AND THAT SPECIES CONTINUES TO EVOLVE FOR MY SAKE.
I WAS BORN TO BE KING OF THE ANTS, TO RULE OVER ALL ORGANISMS.
THIS IS A FEAT THE HUMAN RACE WITH ITS INDIVIDUALITY, CAN NEVER MATCH.
THE ECOLOGY OF THE CHIMERA ANT IS FOCUSED ON THE ENDPOINT OF ALL EVOLUTION, ON ME.
I AM THE KING THAT BEARS HIS KIND'S FATE.
THAT WAS THE DIFFERENCE IN THIS BATTLE!!
YOU ARE ONE HUMAN, NOT A KING.

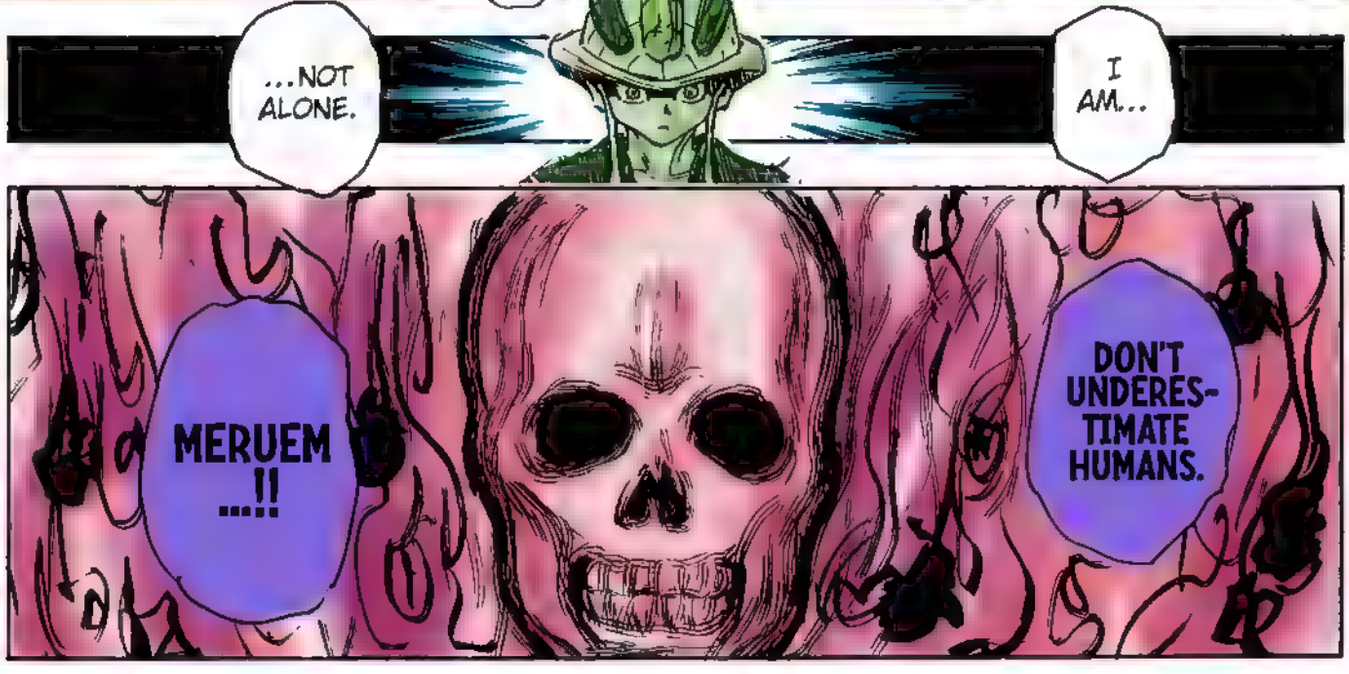

...DISRUPTS THE BALANCE BETWEEN THE ANTS' LEADERSHIP.
...THAT THE STRONG HUMAN "EGO"...

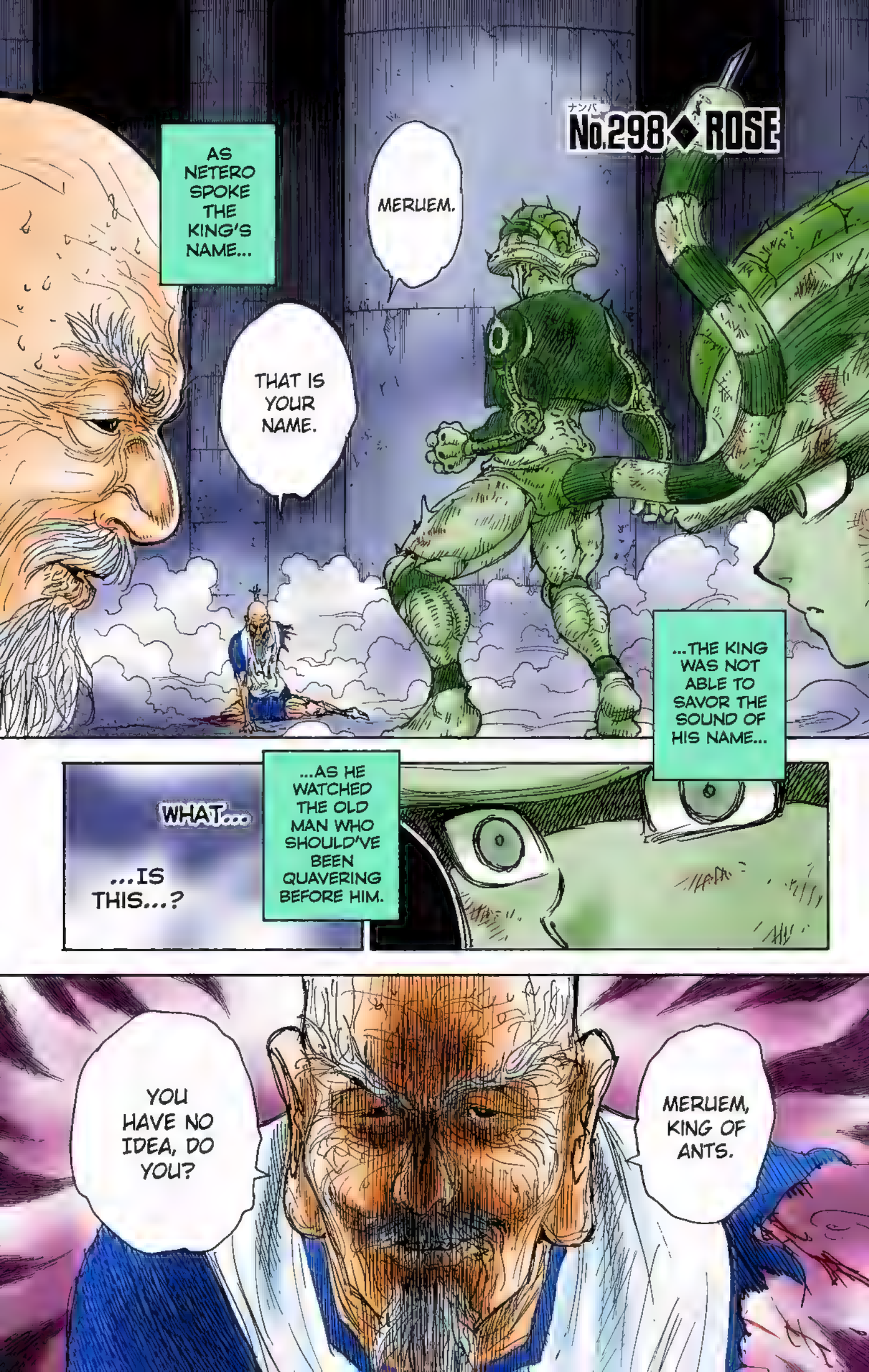

HUMANS WILL NO LONGER BE USED TO PROPAGATE OUR SPECIES. WE HAVE LEARNED...
HOW-EVER...

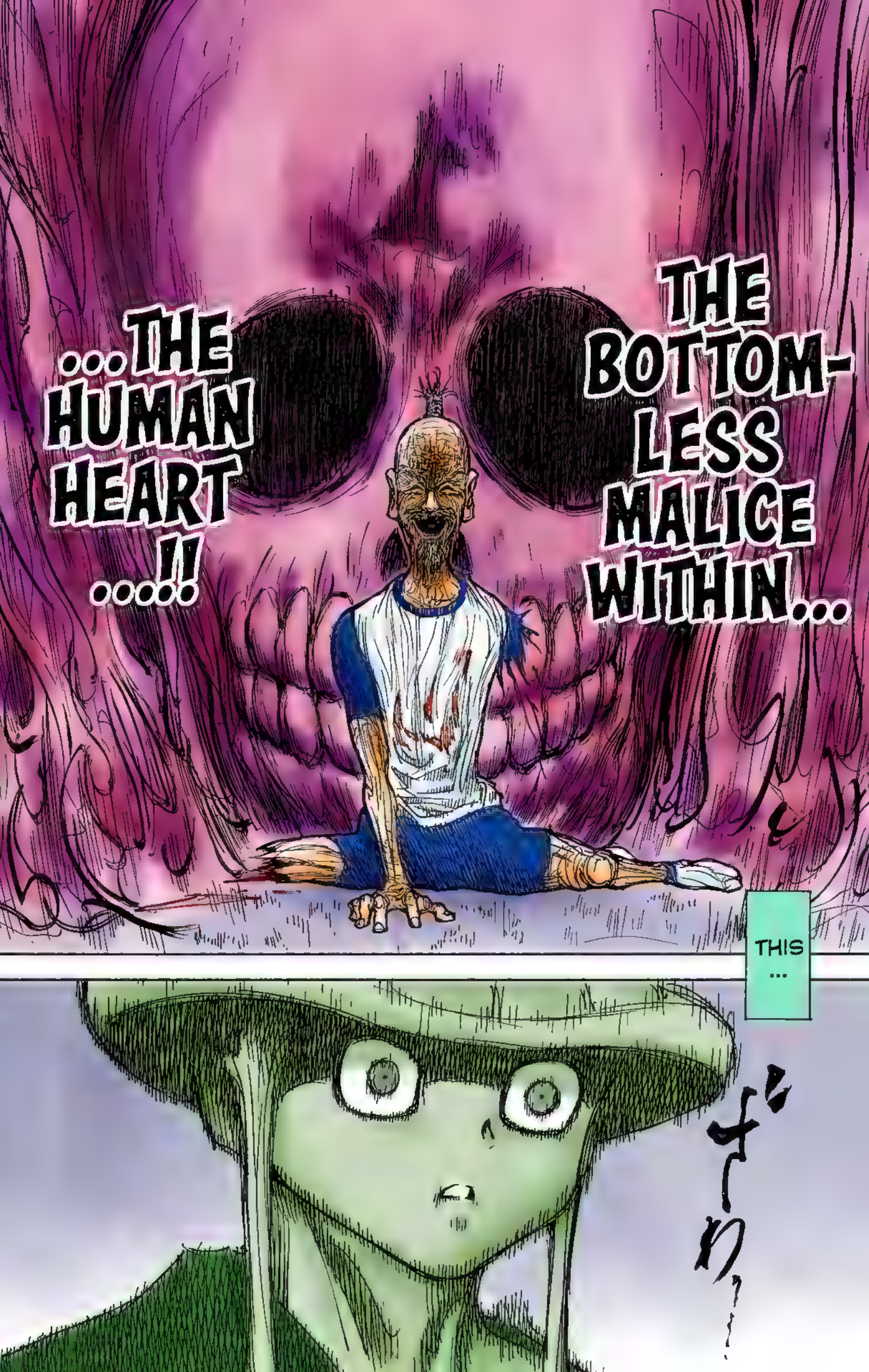

...WAS NOT IN VAIN.
YOUR LONESOME BATTLE...
WE WILL CONSIDER BOTH QUALITY AND QUANTITY WHEN SELECTING HUMANS FOR FOOD.
IN YOUR HONOR, I WILL PROVIDE A SPECIAL PRESERVE FOR HUMANITY'S PERMANENT SETTLEMENT.


.....
HEH HEH.


SAY MY NAME ...!
I SHALL NOT REPEAT MYSELF AGAIN.


...NOT ALONE.
I AM...
MERUEM ...!!
DON'T UNDERES-TIMATE HUMANS.


No.298 ◆ ROSE
AS NETERO SPOKE THE KING'S NAME...
MERUEM.
THAT IS YOUR NAME.
...THE KING WAS NOT ABLE TO SAVOR THE SOUND OF HIS NAME...
WHAT...
...IS THIS...?
...AS HE WATCHED THE OLD MAN WHO SHOULD'VE BEEN QUAVERING BEFORE HIM.
YOU HAVE NO IDEA, DO YOU?
MERUEM, KING OF ANTS.


...THE HUMAN HEART !! ....!
THE BOTTOM-LESS MALICE WITHIN...
THIS ...
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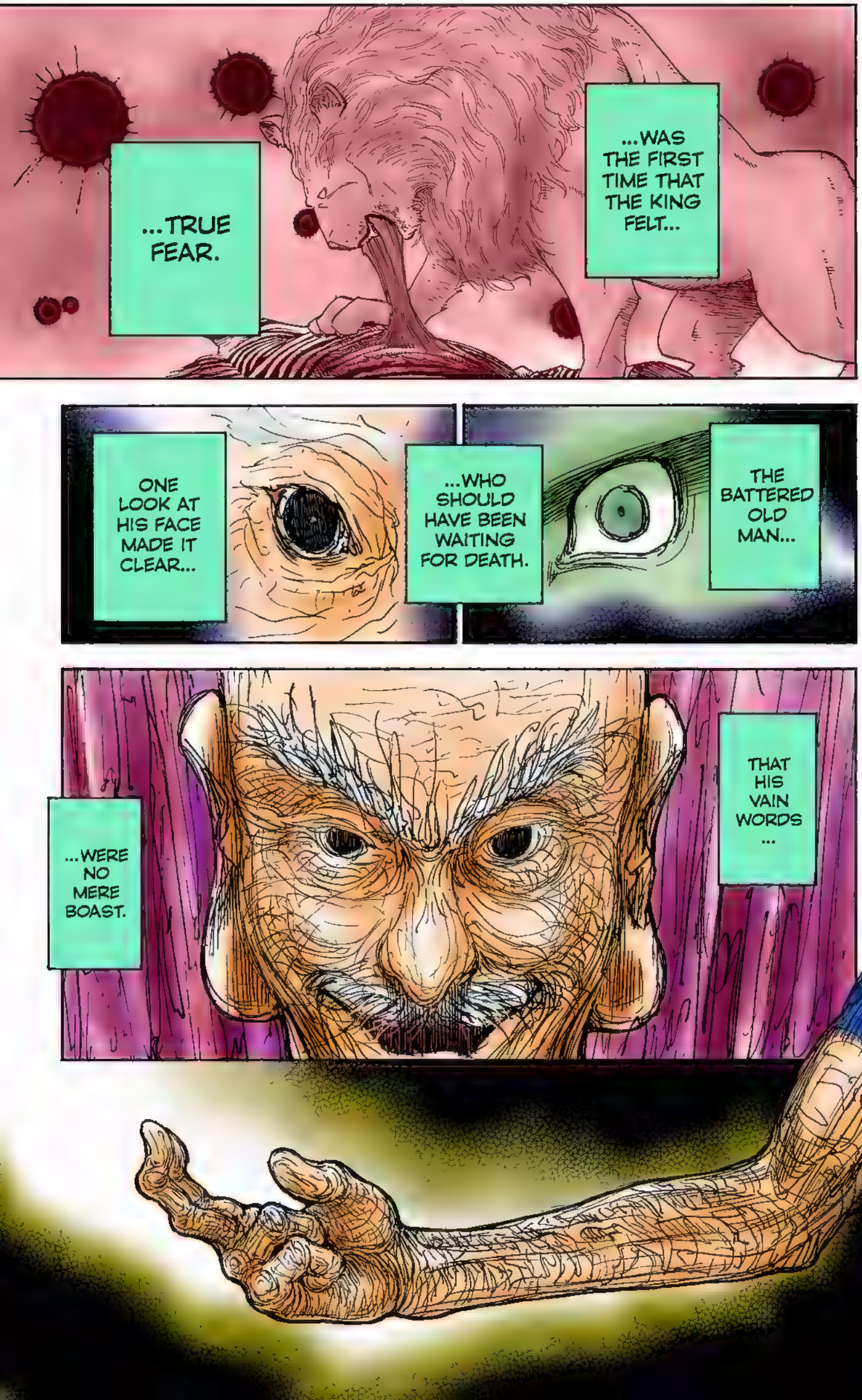
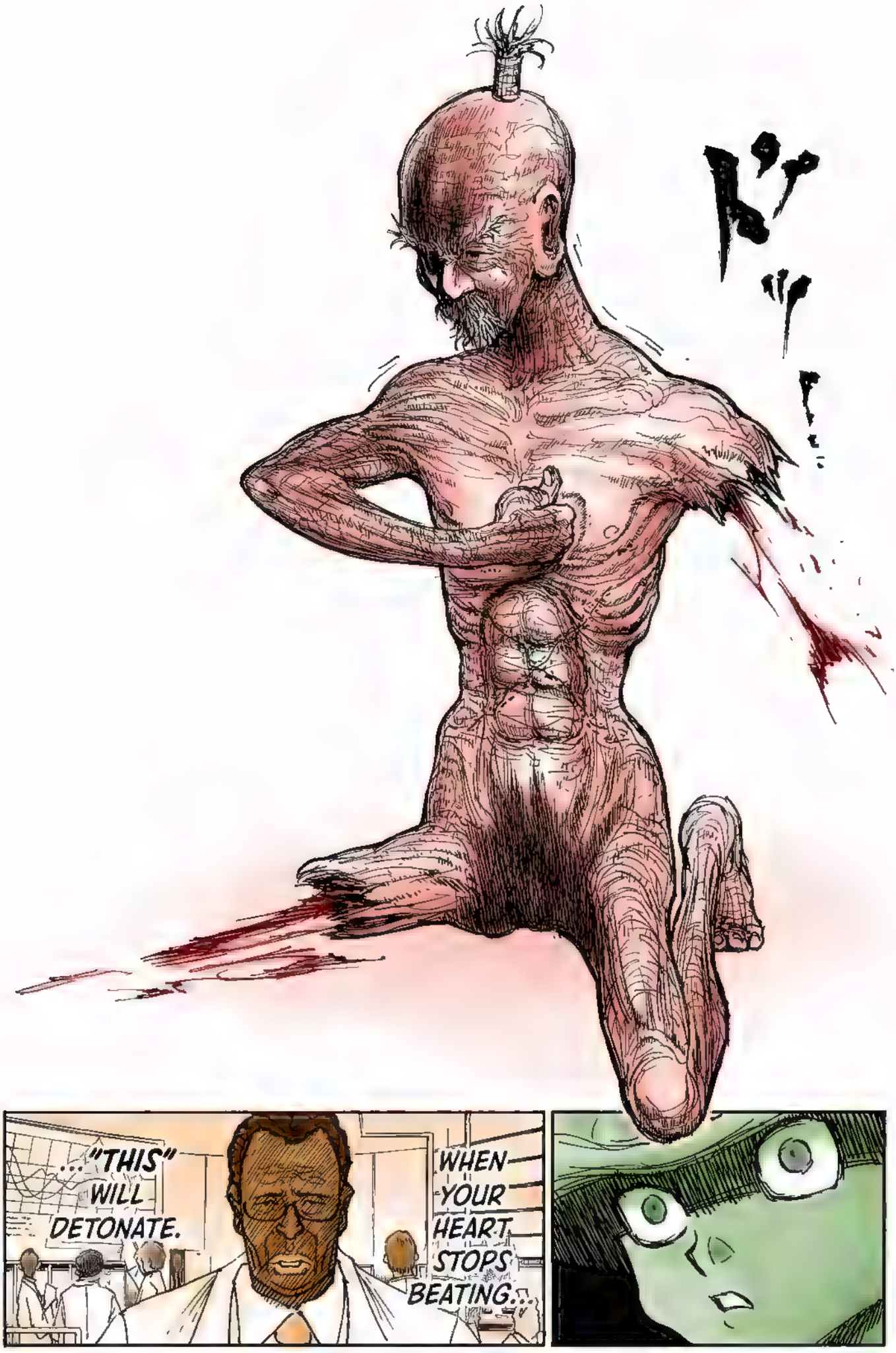
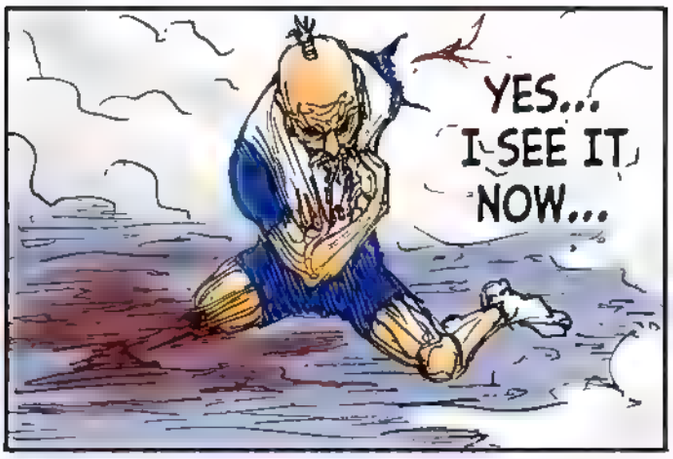
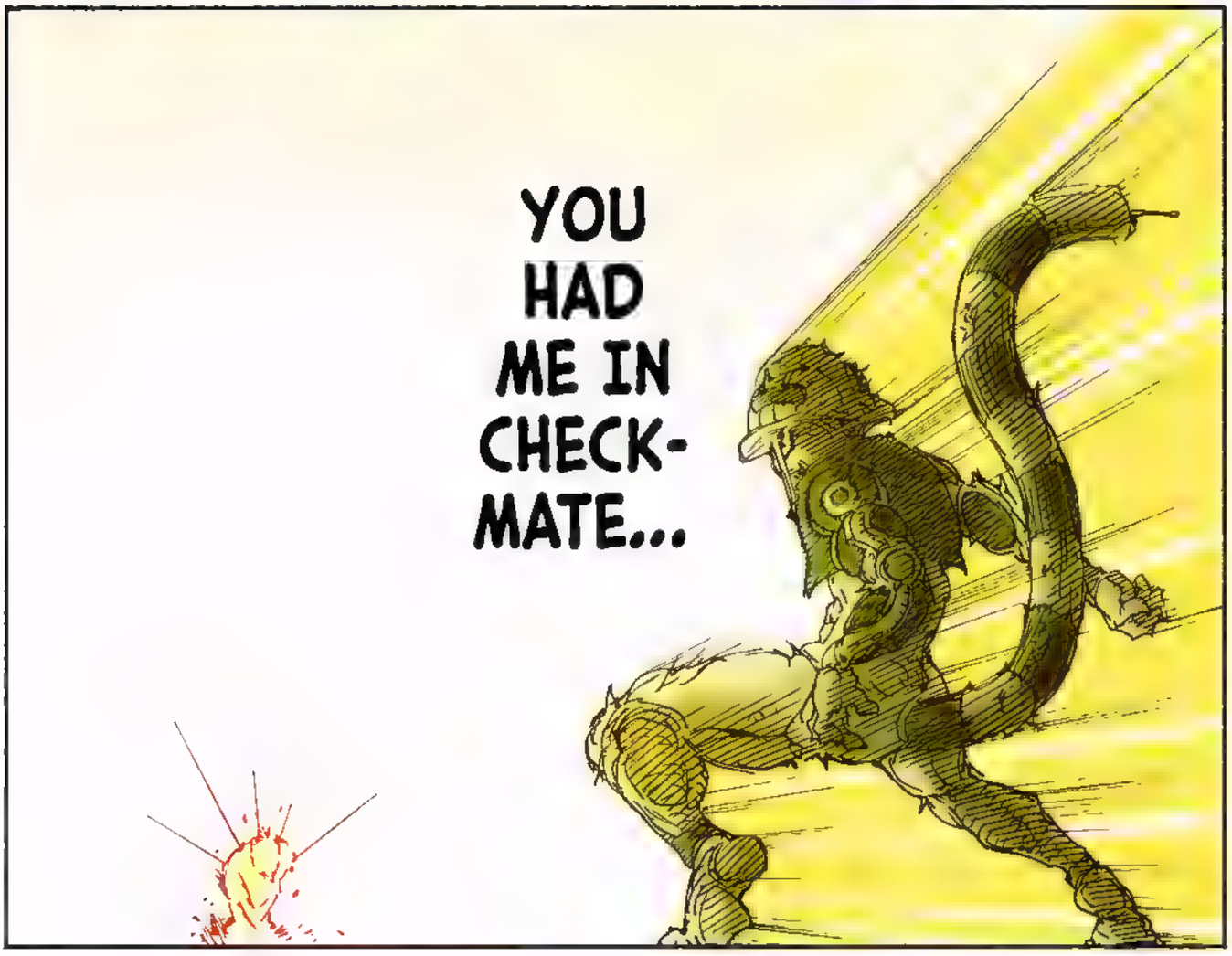

...TRUE FEAR.
...WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE KING FELT...
ONE LOOK AT HIS FACE MADE IT CLEAR...
...WHO SHOULD HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR DEATH.
THE BATTERED OLD MAN...
...WERE NO MERE BOAST.
THAT HIS VAIN WORDS ...

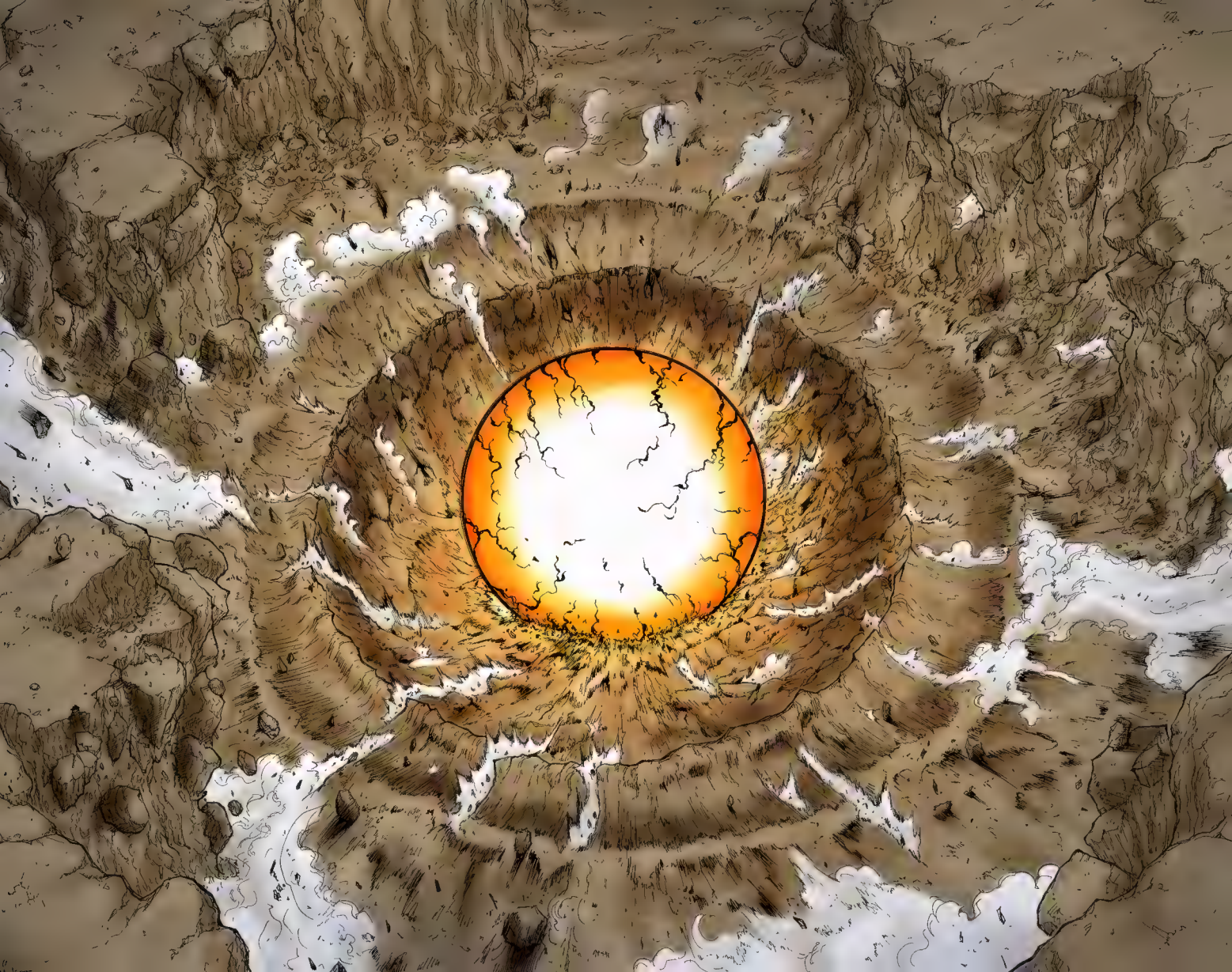


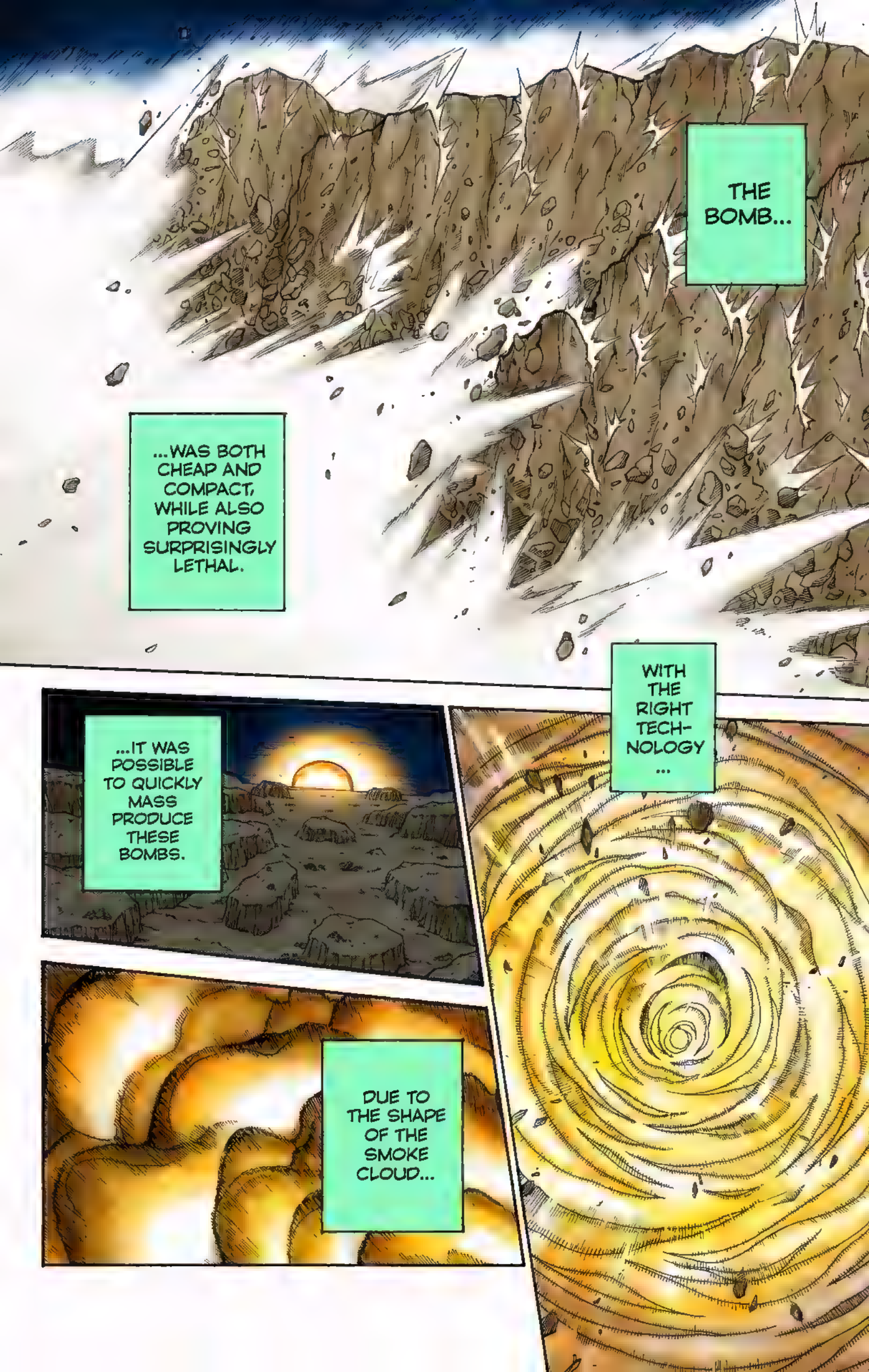
SEE YOU IN HELL, IF THERE IS ONE.



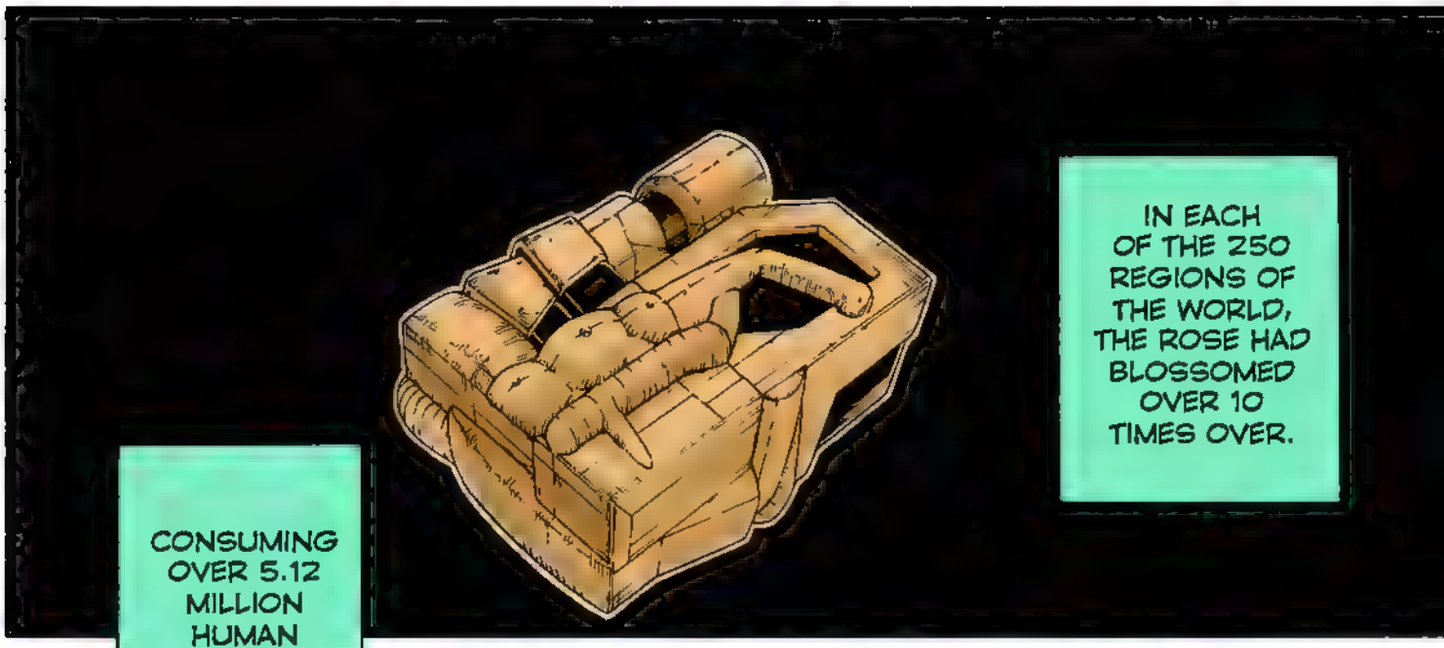


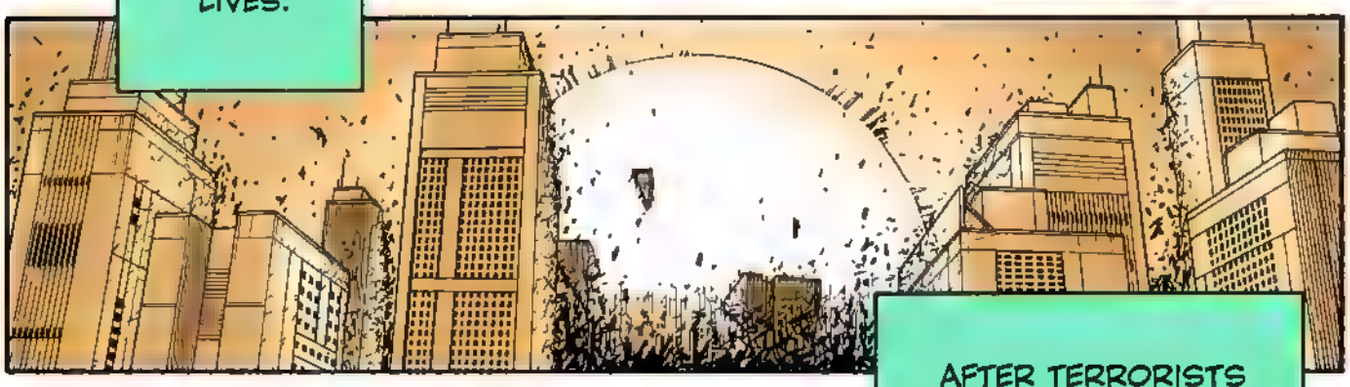
...FROM THE START.

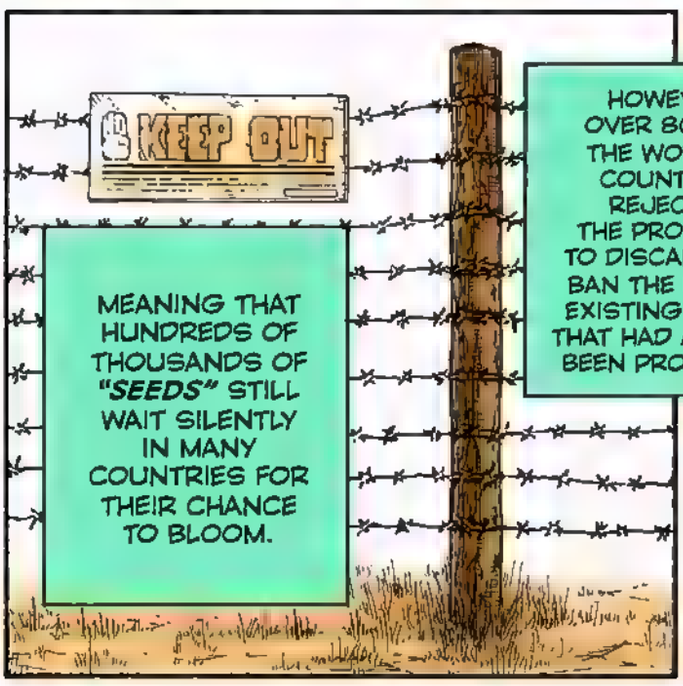


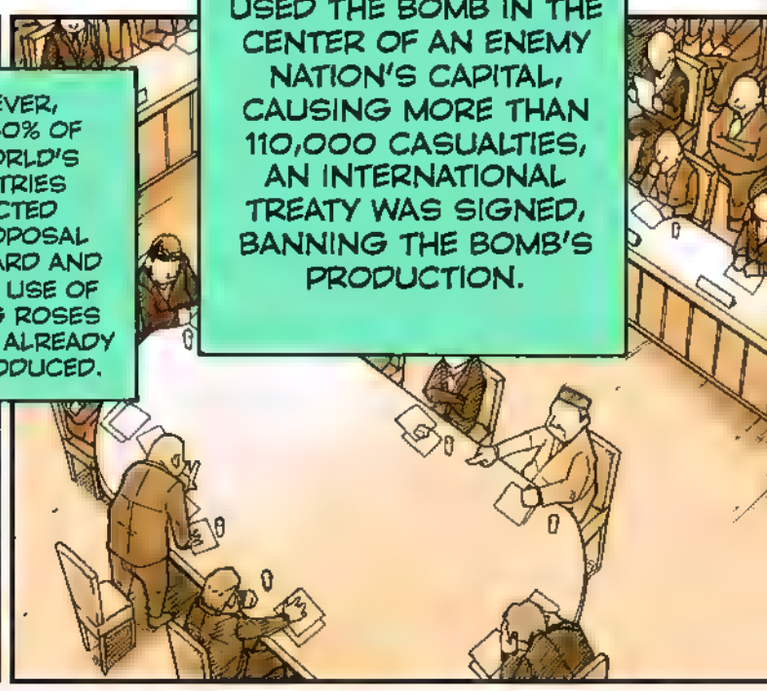

THE BOMB...
...WAS BOTH CHEAP AND COMPACT, WHILE ALSO PROVING SURPRISINGLY LETHAL.
...IT WAS POSSIBLE TO QUICKLY MASS PRODUCE THESE BOMBS.
WITH THE RIGHT TECH-NOLOGY ...
DUE TO THE SHAPE OF THE SMOKE CLOUD...

IT WAS CALLED THE MINIATURE ROSE, OR THE POOR MAN'S ROSE...
...AND IT WAS VERY POPULAR WITH SMALL DICTATOR-SHIPS.

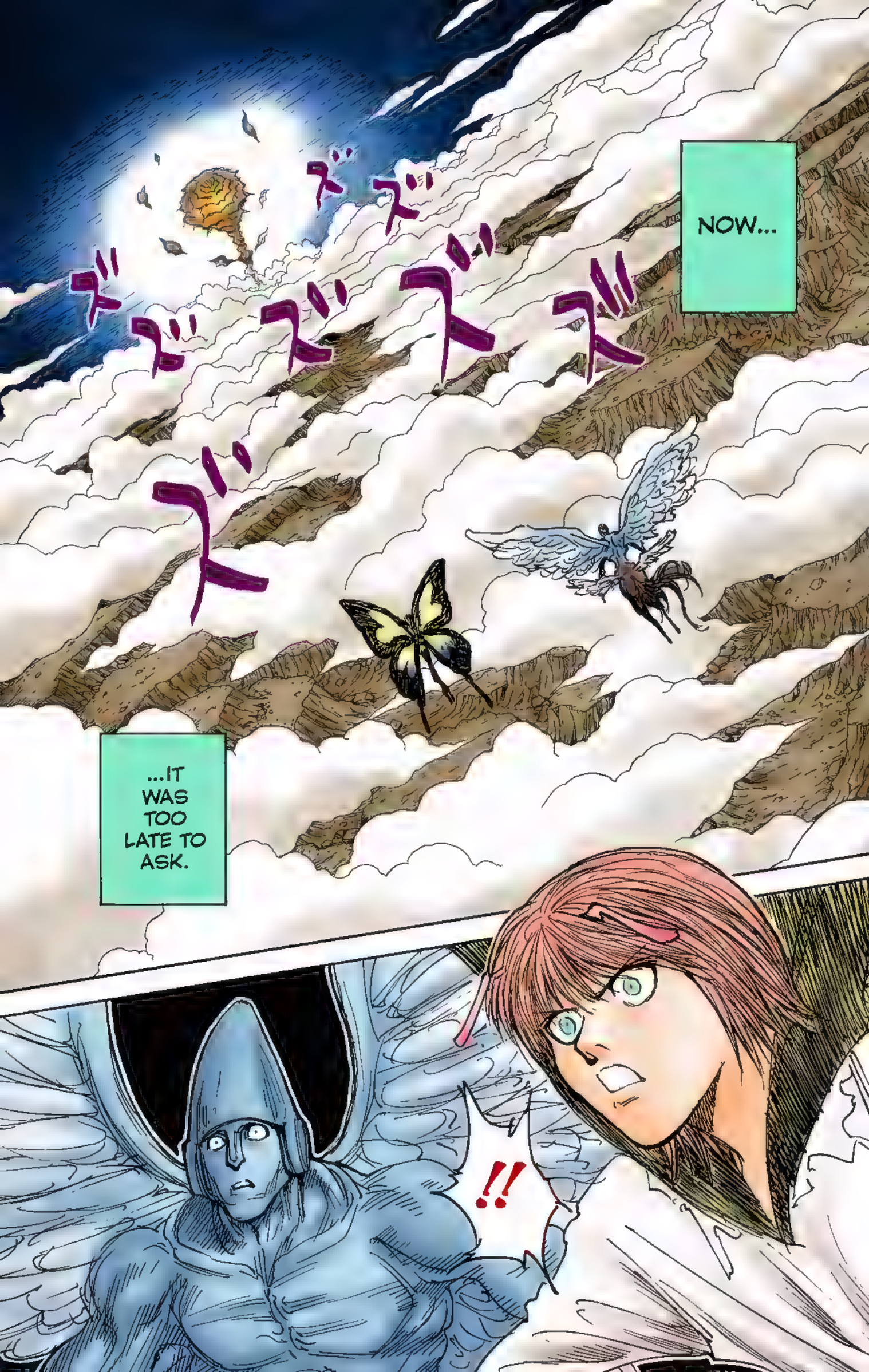

IN EACH OF THE 250 REGIONS OF THE WORLD, THE ROSE HAD BLOSSOMED OVER 10 TIMES OVER.
CONSUMING OVER 5.12 MILLION HUMAN LIVES.




KEEP OUT
MEANING THAT HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF *"SEEDS"* STILL WAIT SILENTLY IN MANY COUNTRIES FOR THEIR CHANCE TO BLOOM.
HOWEVER, OVER 80% OF THE WORLD'S COUNTRIES REJECTED THE PROPOSAL TO DISCARD AND BAN THE USE OF EXISTING ROSES THAT HAD ALREADY BEEN PRODUCED.


AFTER TERRORISTS USED THE BOMB IN THE CENTER OF AN ENEMY NATION'S CAPITAL, CAUSING MORE THAN 110,000 CASUALTIES, AN INTERNATIONAL TREATY WAS SIGNED, BANNING THE BOMB'S PRODUCTION.

WHEN NETERO DECIDED TO USE HIS LAST RESORT, COULD THIS THOUGHT HAVE CROSSED HIS MIND?
WERE HUMANS SO DIFFERENT FROM ANTS?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NOW...
...IT WAS TOO LATE TO ASK.
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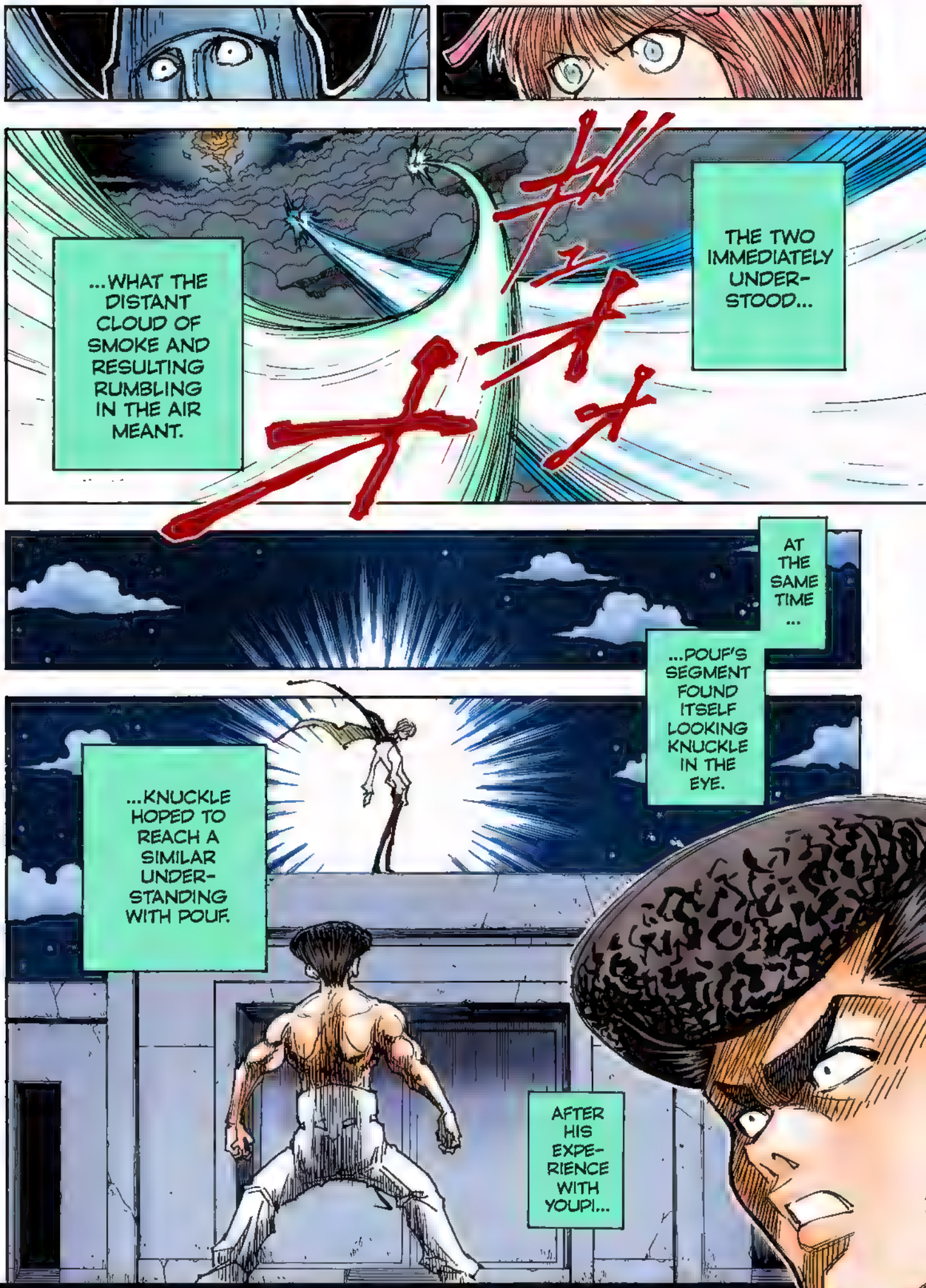
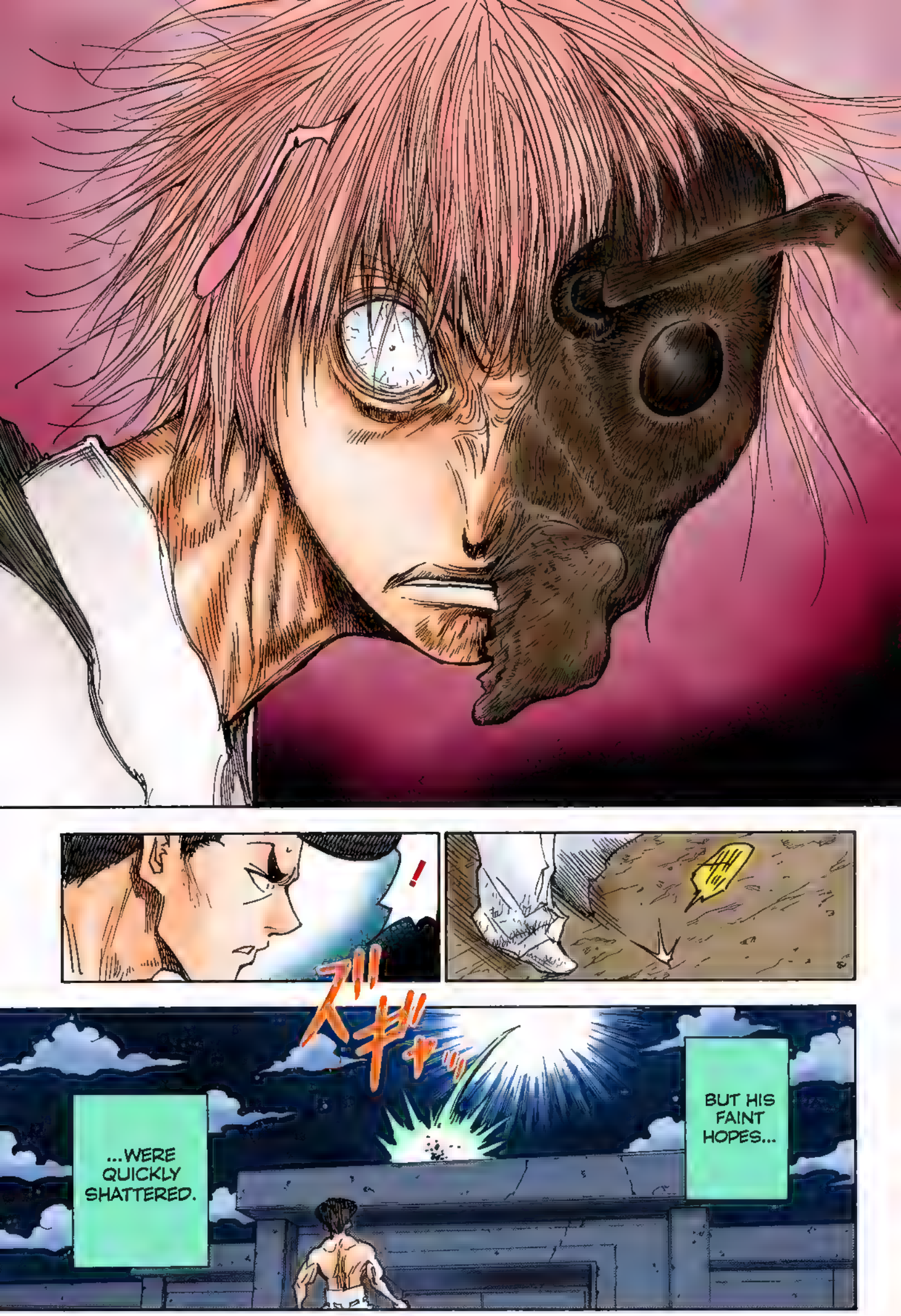

...WHAT THE DISTANT CLOUD OF SMOKE AND RESULTING RUMBLING IN THE AIR MEANT.
THE TWO IMMEDIATELY UNDER-STOOD...
AT THE SAME TIME ...
...POUF'S SEGMENT FOUND ITSELF LOOKING KNUCKLE IN THE EYE.
...KNUCKLE HOPED TO REACH A SIMILAR UNDER-STANDING WITH POUF.
AFTER HIS EXPE-RIENCE WITH YOUPI...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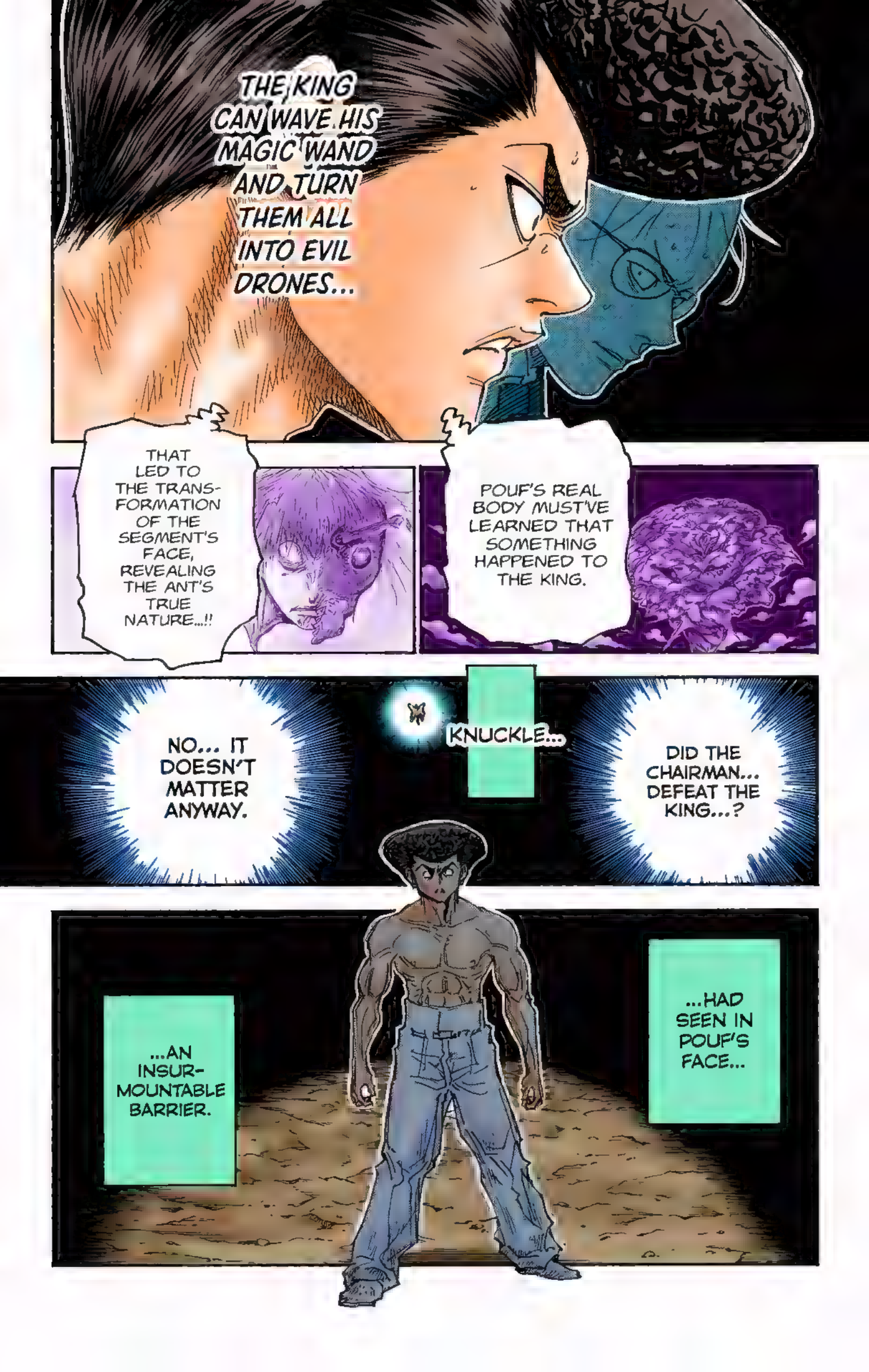
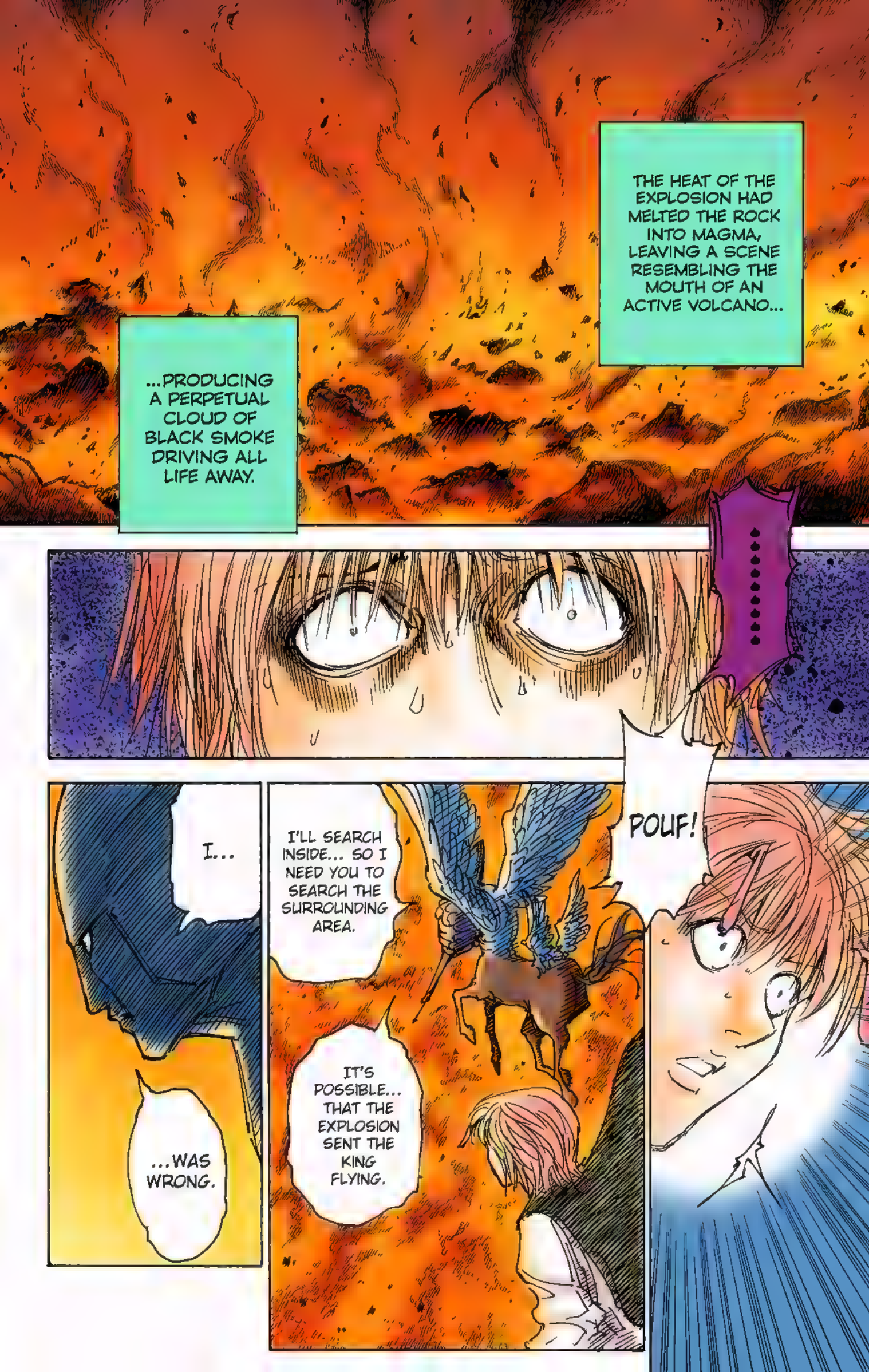
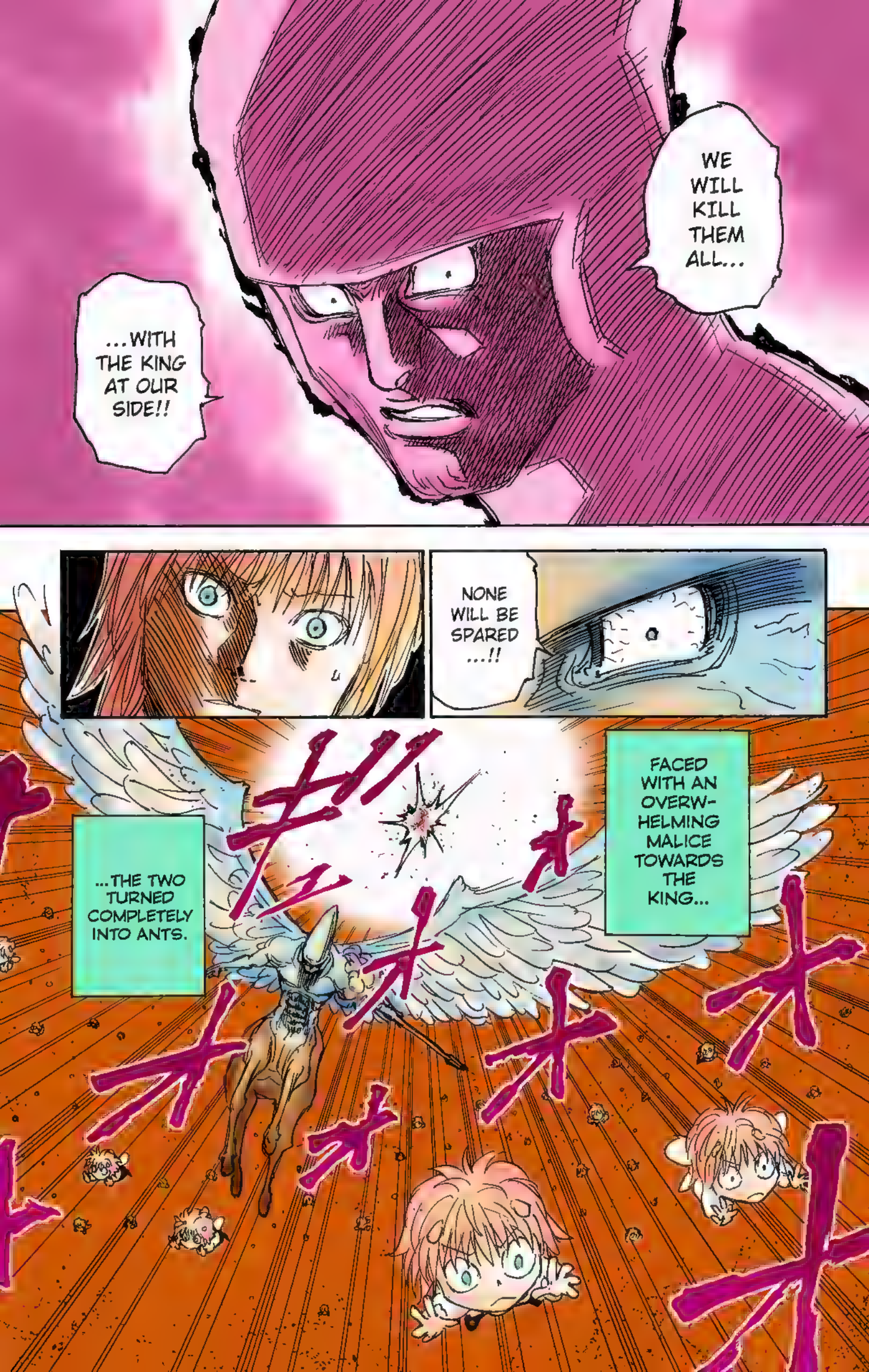
...WERE QUICKLY SHATTERED.
BUT HIS FAINT HOPES...


THE KING CAN WAVE HIS MAGIC WAND AND TURN THEM ALL INTO EVIL DRONES...
THAT LED TO THE TRANS-FORMATION OF THE SEGMENT'S FACE, REVEALING THE ANT'S TRUE NATURE...!!
POUF'S REAL BODY MUST'VE LEARNED THAT SOMETHING HAPPENED TO THE KING.
NO... IT DOESN'T MATTER ANYWAY.
KNUCKLE...
DID THE CHAIRMAN... DEFEAT THE KING...?
...AN INSUR-MOUNTABLE BARRIER.
...HAD SEEN IN POUF'S FACE...


THE HEAT OF THE EXPLOSION HAD MELTED THE ROCK INTO MAGMA, LEAVING A SCENE RESEMBLING THE MOUTH OF AN ACTIVE VOLCANO...
...PRODUCING A PERPETUAL CLOUD OF BLACK SMOKE DRIVING ALL LIFE AWAY.
.....
POUF!
I'LL SEARCH INSIDE... SO I NEED YOU TO SEARCH THE SURROUNDING AREA.
IT'S POSSIBLE... THAT THE EXPLOSION SENT THE KING FLYING.
I...
...WAS WRONG.


WE WILL KILL THEM ALL...
...WITH THE KING AT OUR SIDE!!
NONE WILL BE SPARED ...!!
FACED WITH AN OVERW-HELMING MALICE TOWARDS THE KING...
...THE TWO TURNED COMPLETELY INTO ANTS.

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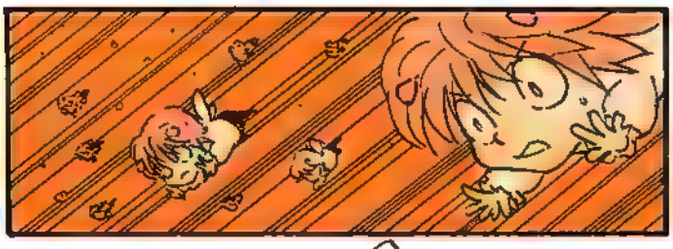

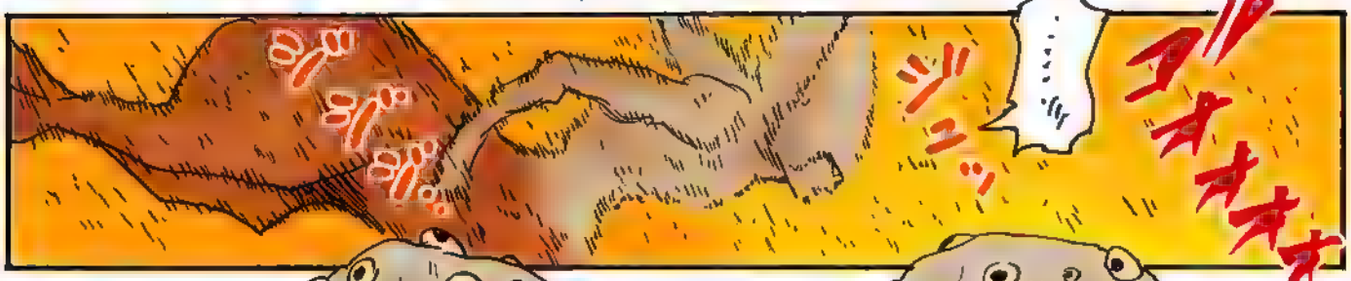
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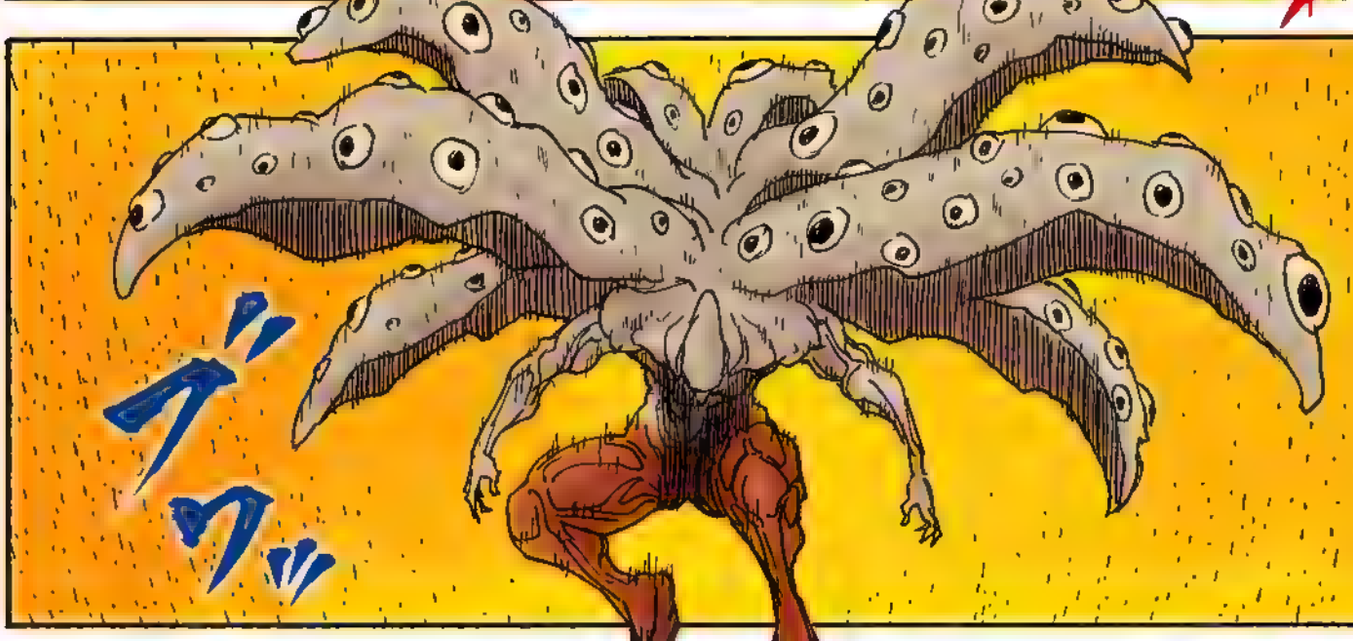
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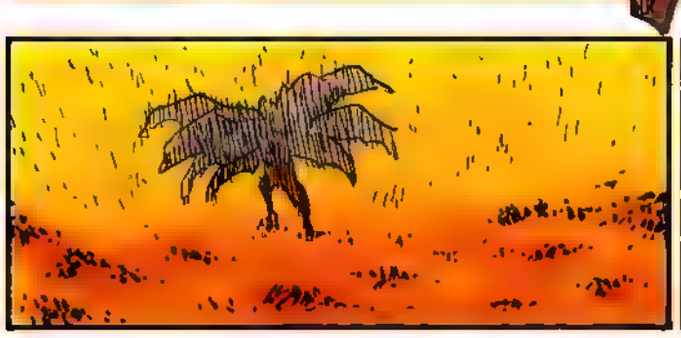

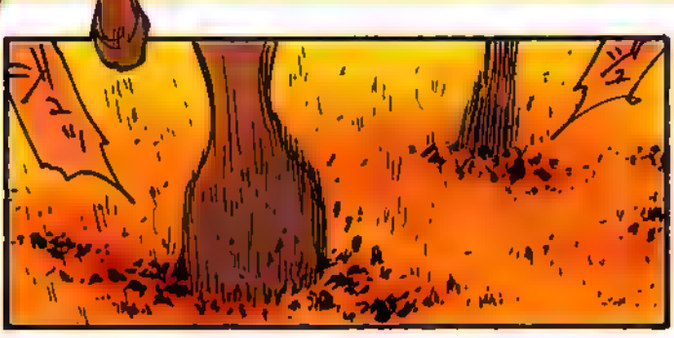
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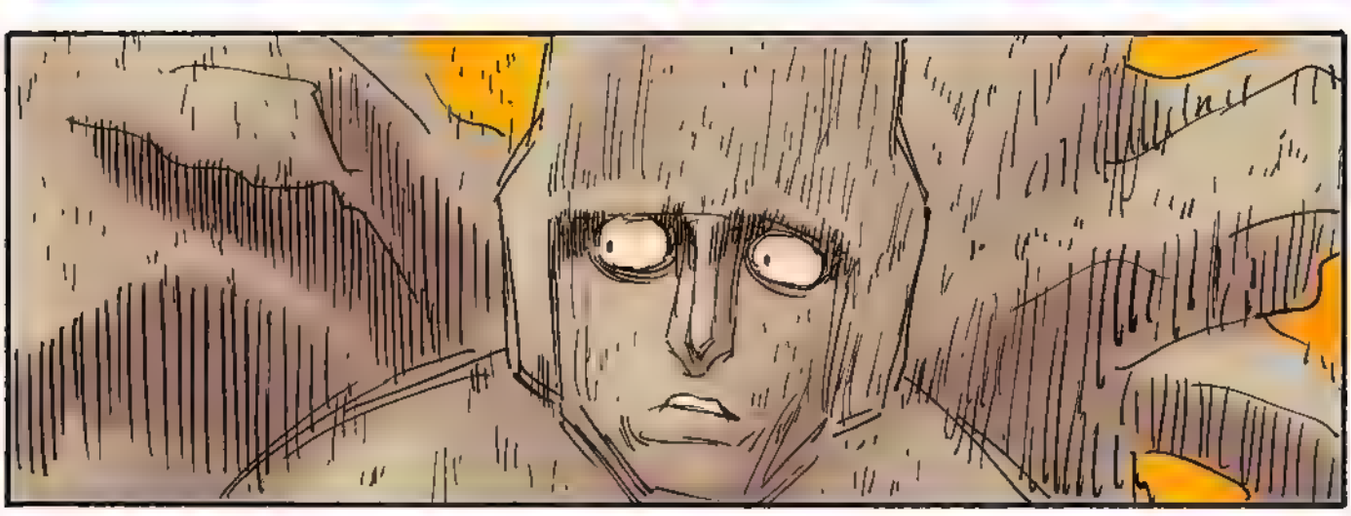

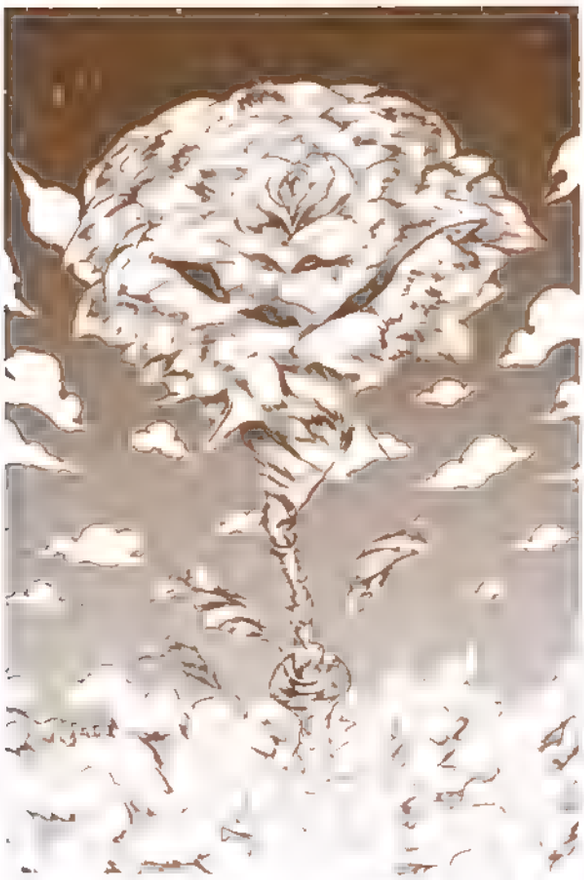

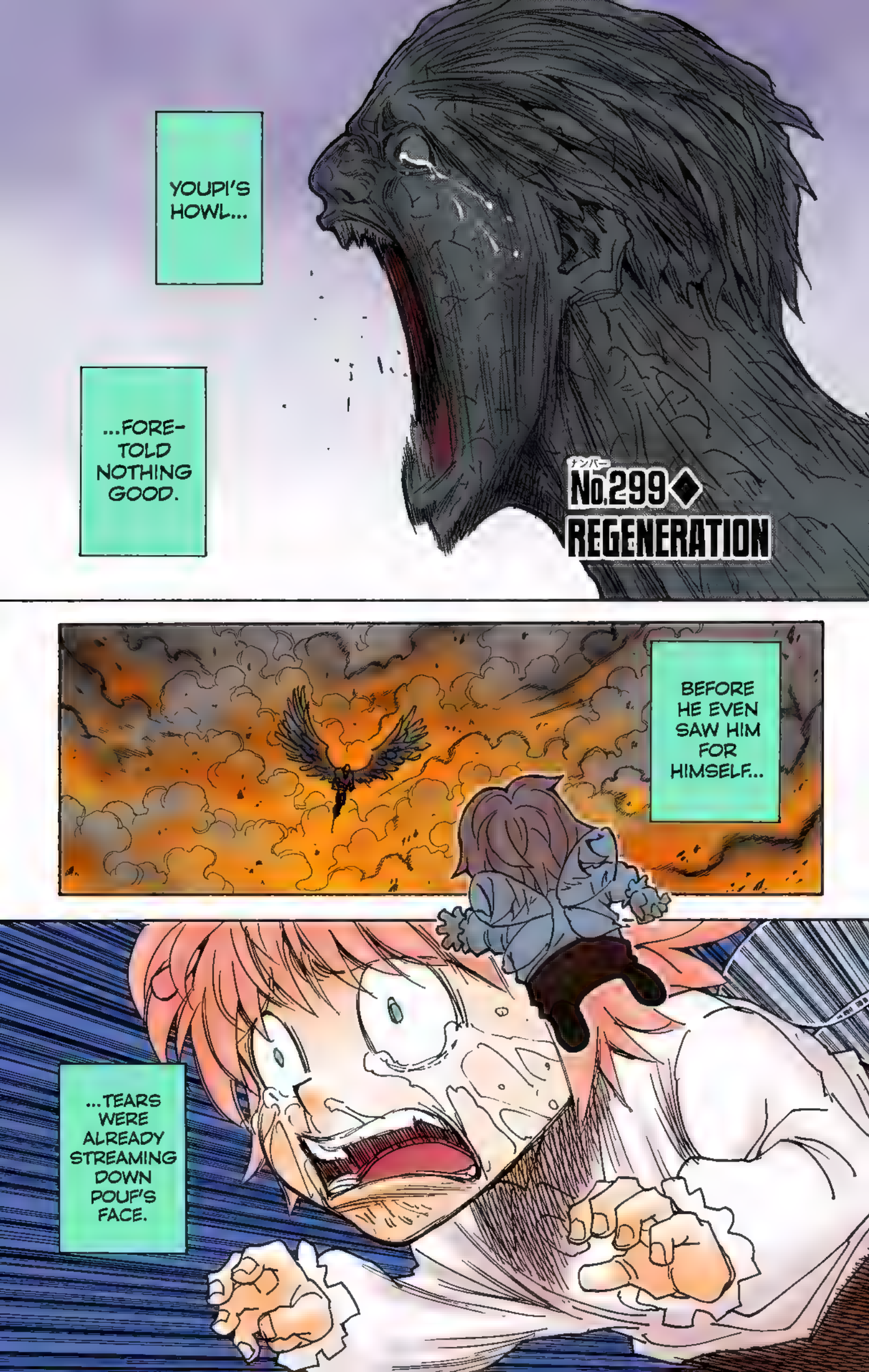
YOUPI'S HOWL...
...FORE-TOLD NOTHING GOOD.
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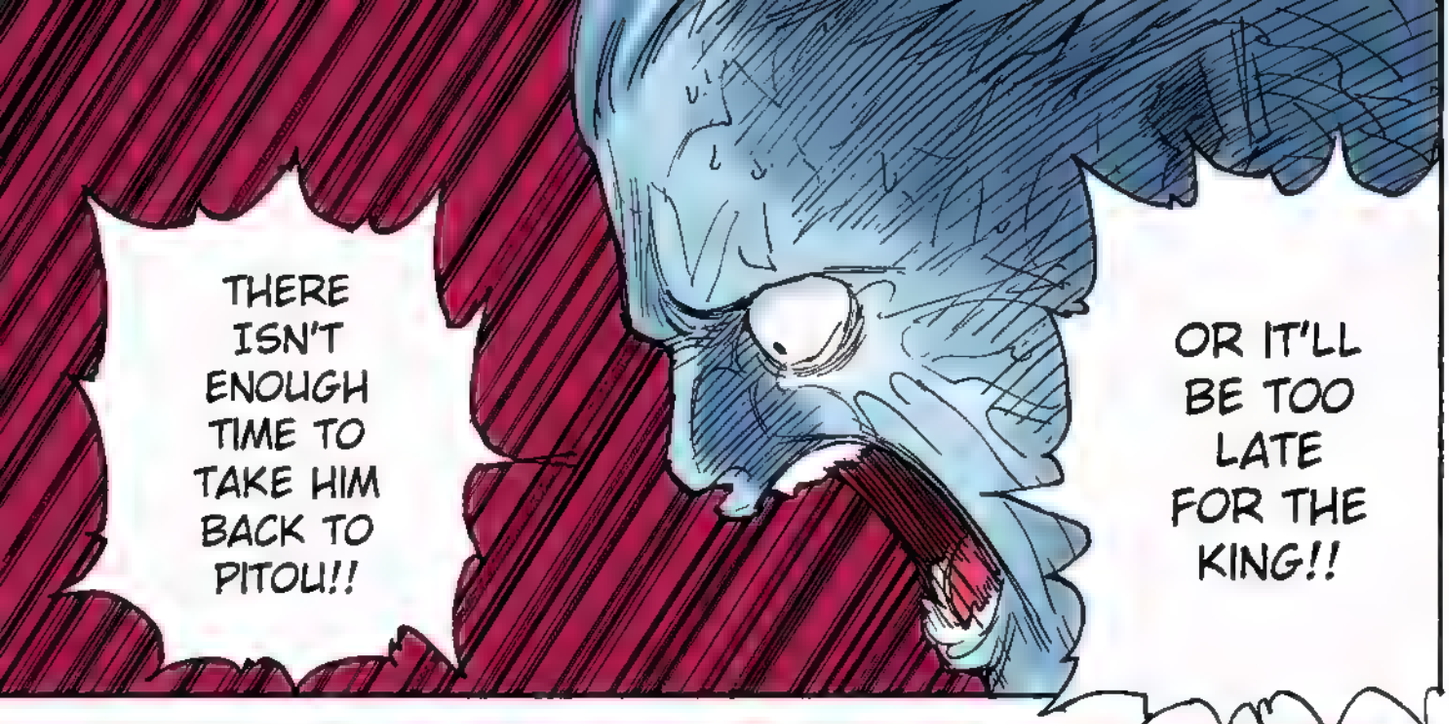
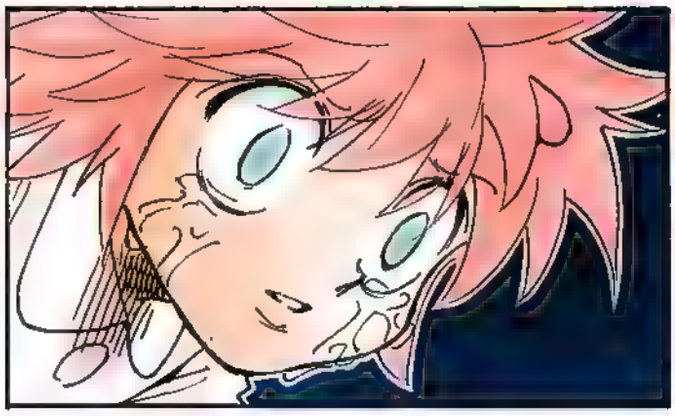
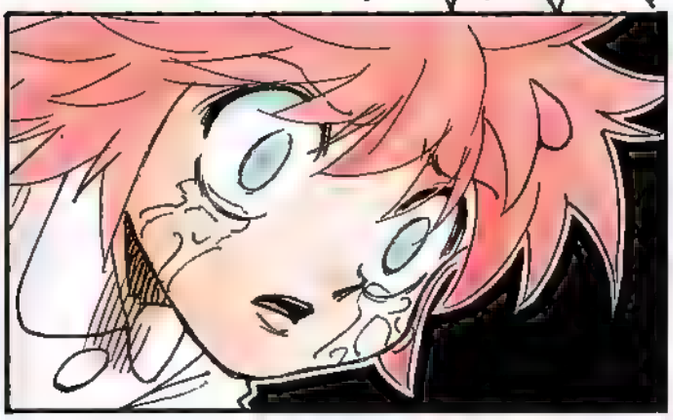
REGENERATION
BEFORE HE EVEN SAW HIM FOR HIMSELF...
...TEARS WERE ALREADY STREAMING DOWN POUF'S FACE.

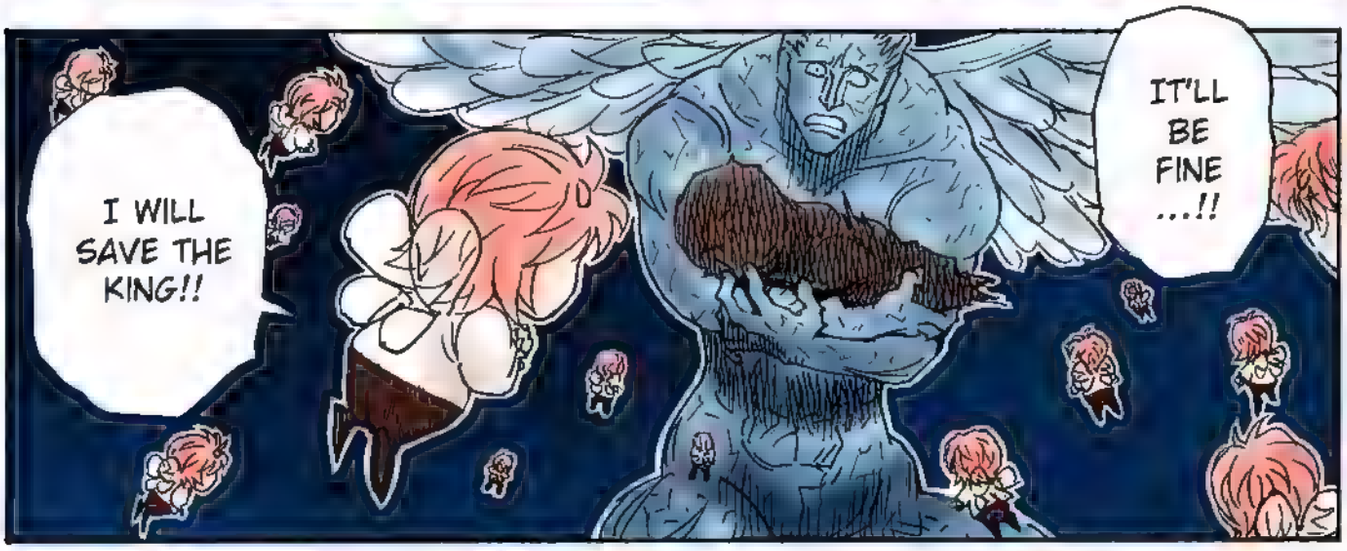
AARGH!!
AH!
AH!
SIRE!!
AH!
AAH!

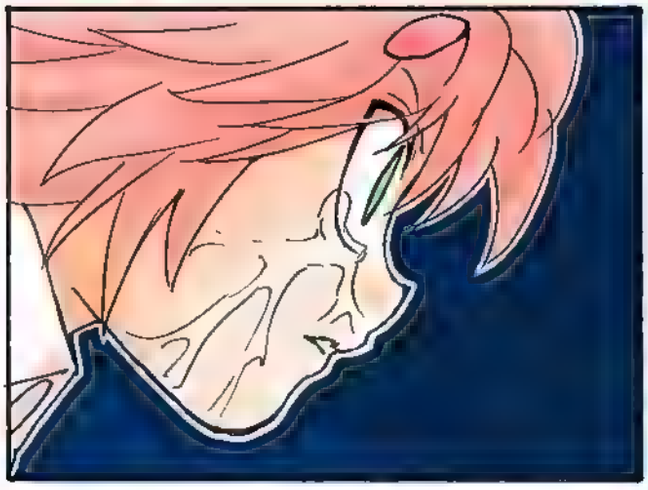
BUT...
HE'S BREATHING !!
DAMN IT!
WE HAVE TO HURRY UP!!

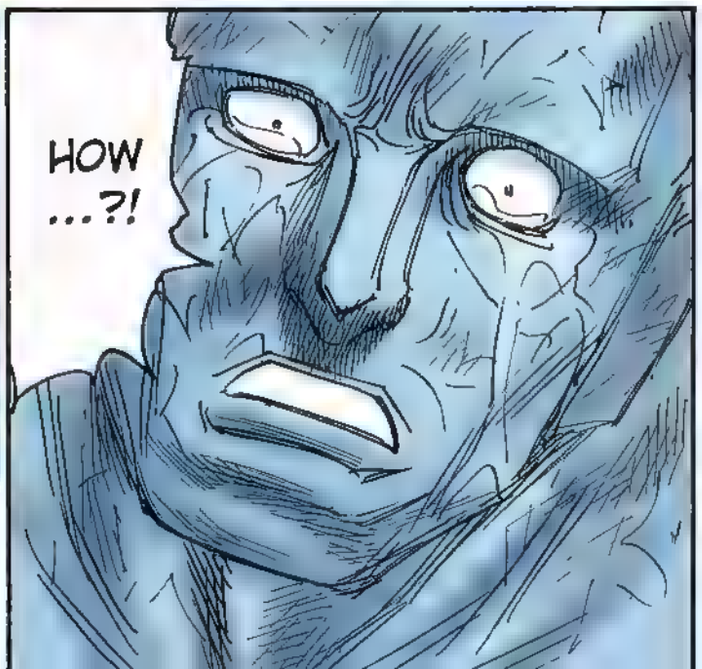

THERE ISN'T ENOUGH TIME TO TAKE HIM BACK TO PITOU!!
OR IT'LL BE TOO LATE FOR THE KING!!






I WILL SAVE THE KING!!
IT'LL BE FINE ...!!




HOW ...?!

I'LL LET HIM CONSUME ME.
SIMPLE AS THAT...!!
LISTEN, MY CELLS!!
PERMEATE THE KING AND HEAL HIM!!
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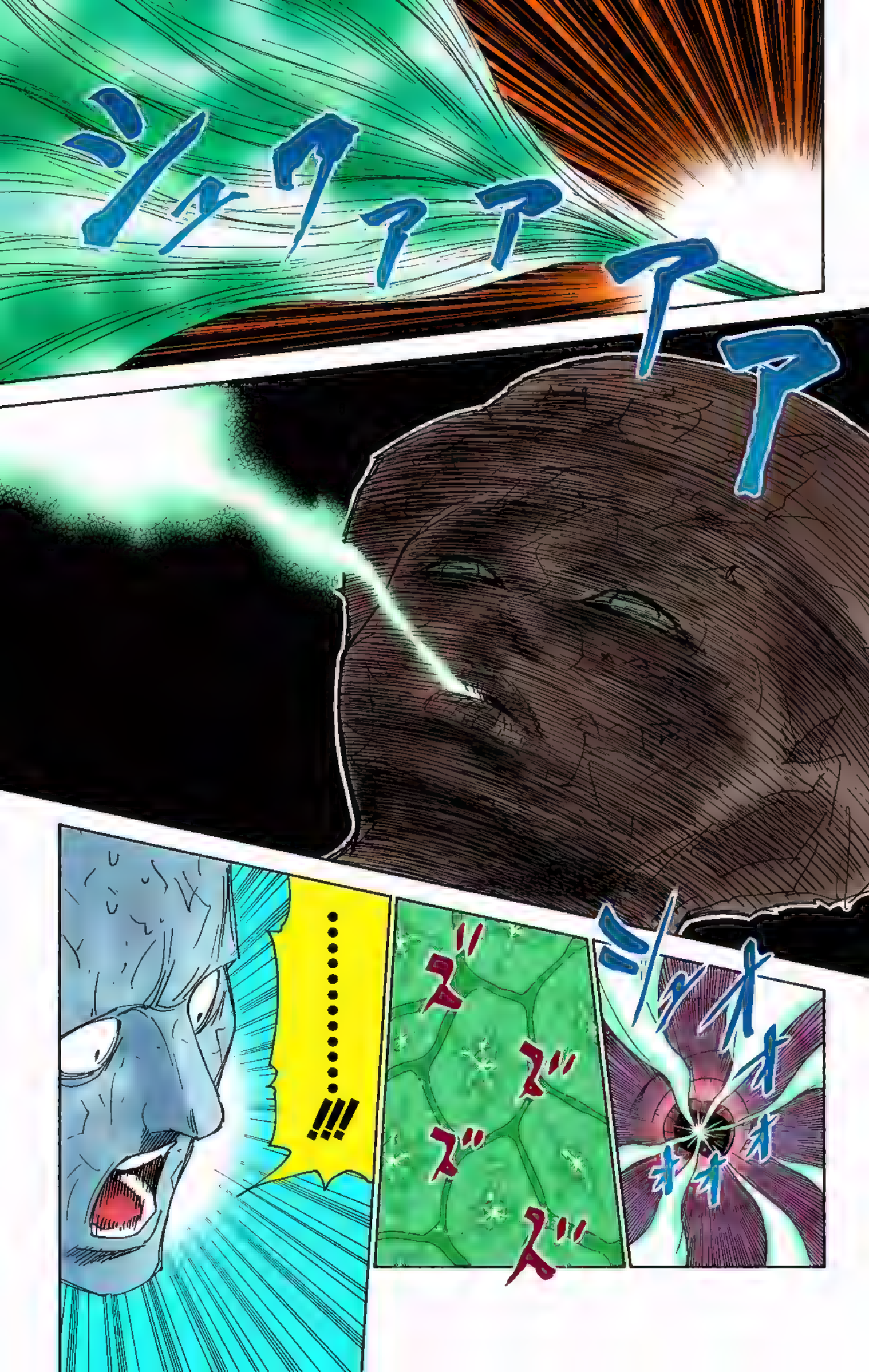
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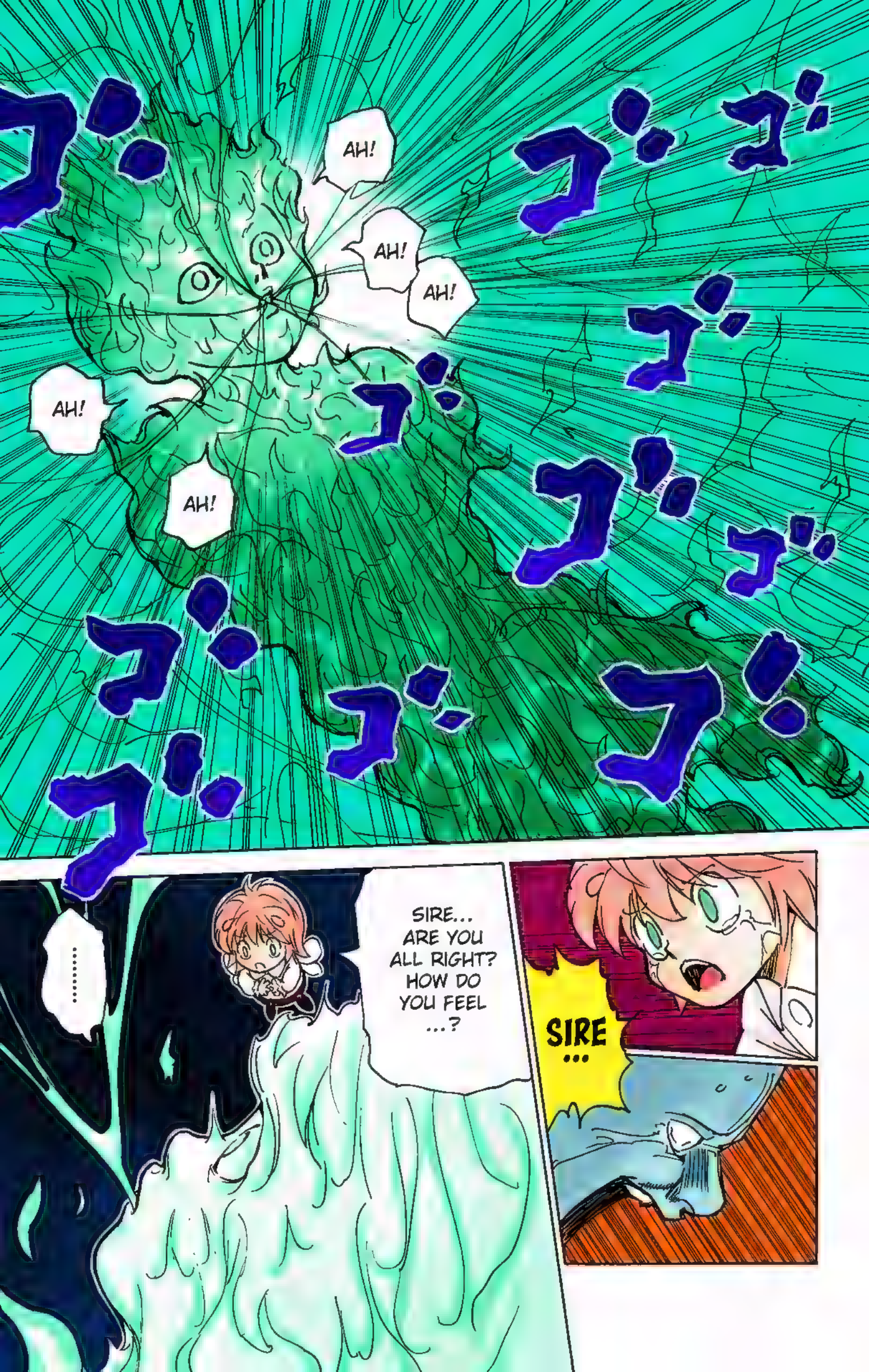
AH!
AH!
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AH!
AH!
SIRE...
ARE YOU
ALL RIGHT?
HOW DO
YOU FEEL
...?
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SIRE
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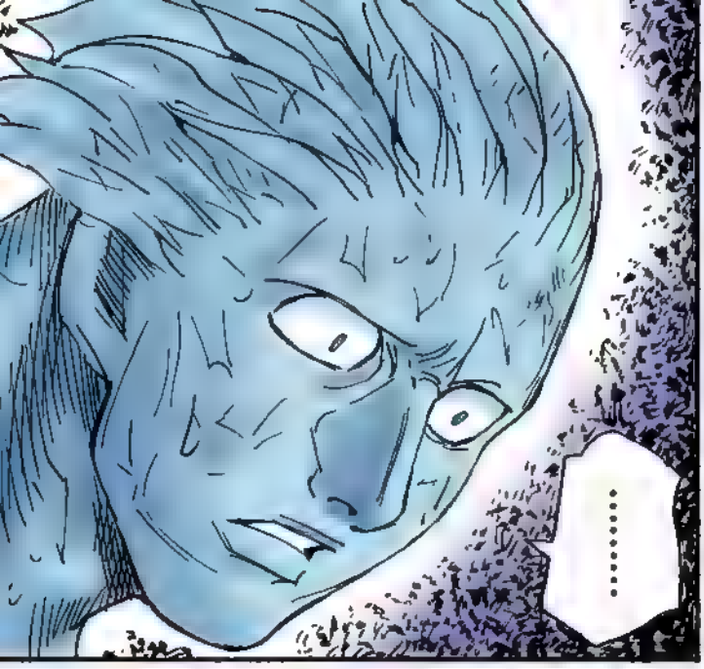
...MY ENERGY FLOODING BACK TO ME...
I FEEL...
AN EXQUISITE DELICACY, BEYOND DESCRIPTION ...
IT'S LIKE... BREATHING THE AIR OF PARADISE...
LIKE SOME ENCHANTED FAIRY MIST...
I AM...
I...
WORTHY PRAISE ...!!
NOT WORTHY ...!! OF SUCH...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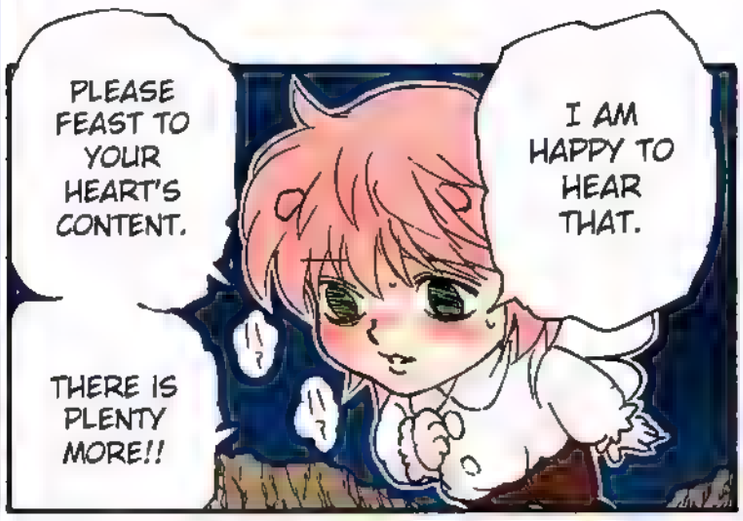
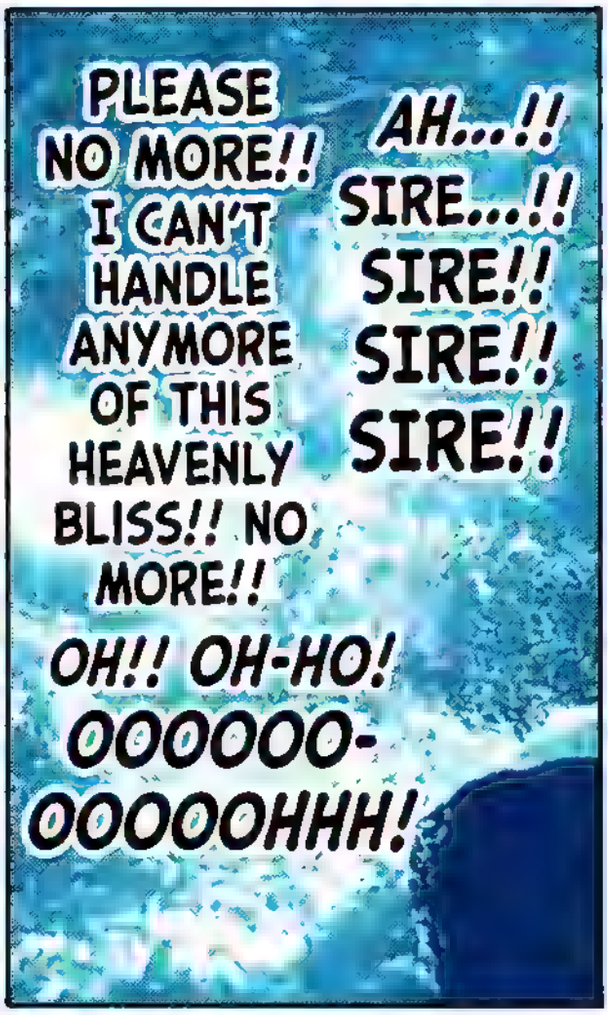
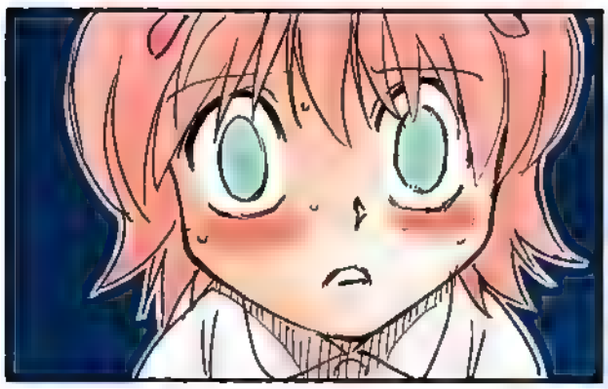

PLEASE FEAST TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT.
I AM HAPPY TO HEAR THAT.
THERE IS PLENTY MORE!!

I... WON'T BE ABLE TO EAT... ANYTHING ELSE...
NOW THAT I HAVE TASTED THIS...
IT'S TOO GOOD ...


PLEASE NO MORE!! I CAN'T HANDLE ANYMORE OF THIS HEAVENLY BLISS!! NO MORE!!
AH...!! SIRE...!! SIRE!! SIRE!! SIRE!!
OH!! OH-HO! OOOOOO-OOOOOHHH!

AHH!



...ACCEPT THIS TOO!!
SIRE...!! PLEASE...
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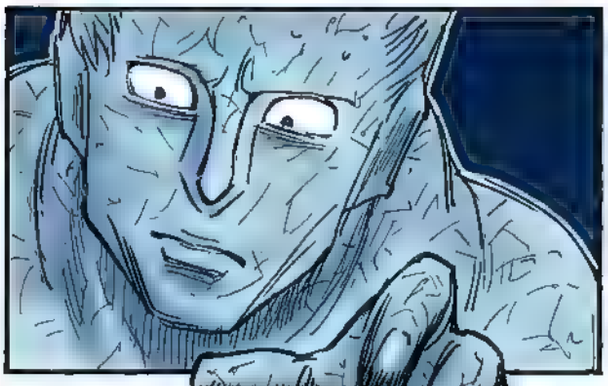

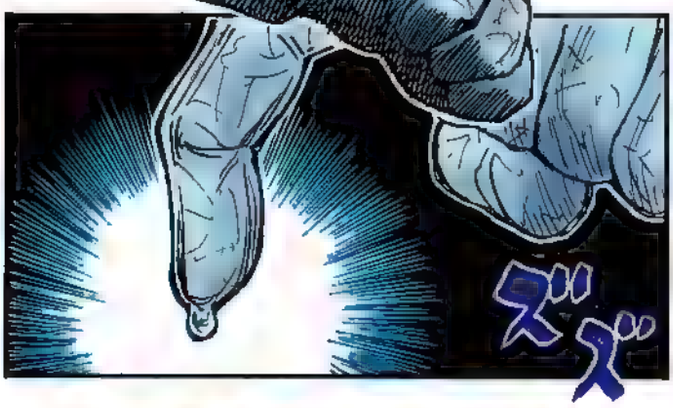
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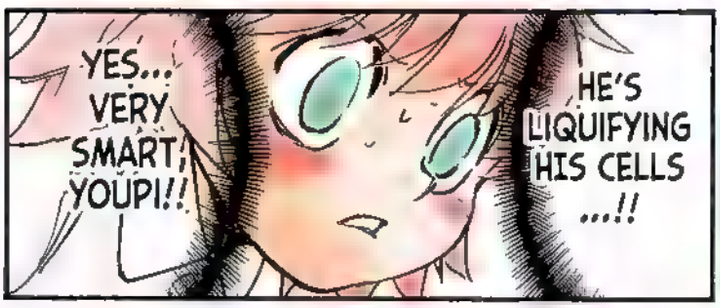
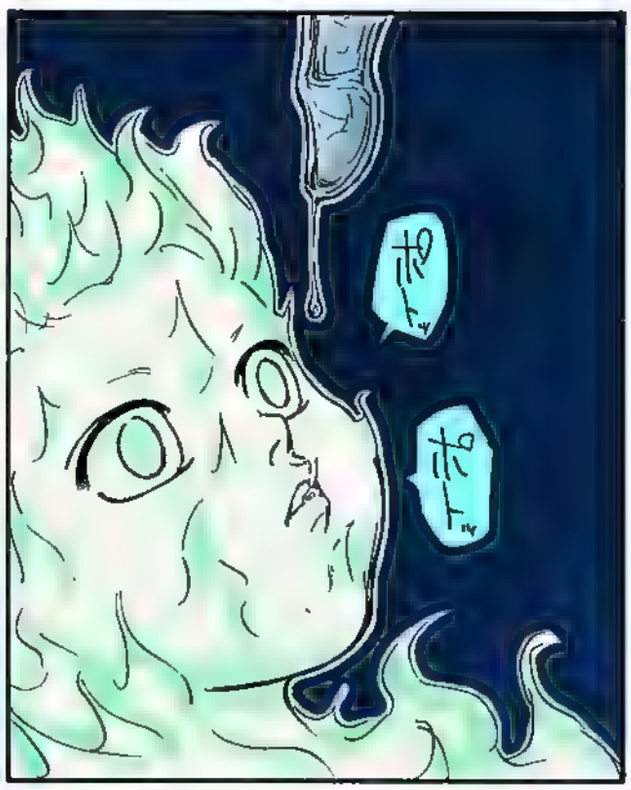

YES... VERY SMART, YOUPI!!
HE'S LIQUIFYING HIS CELLS ...!!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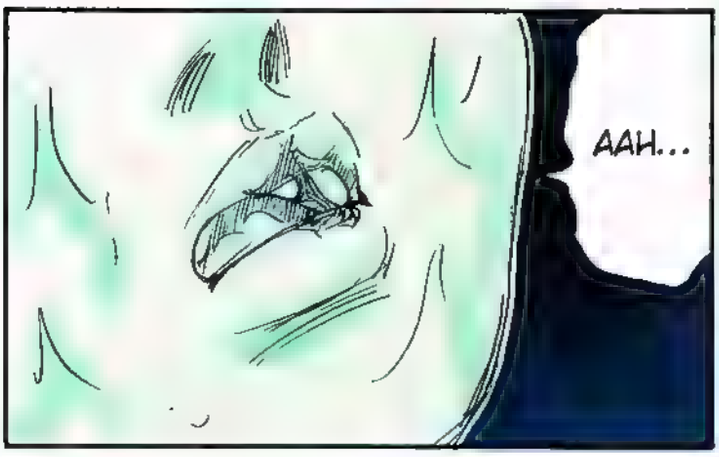
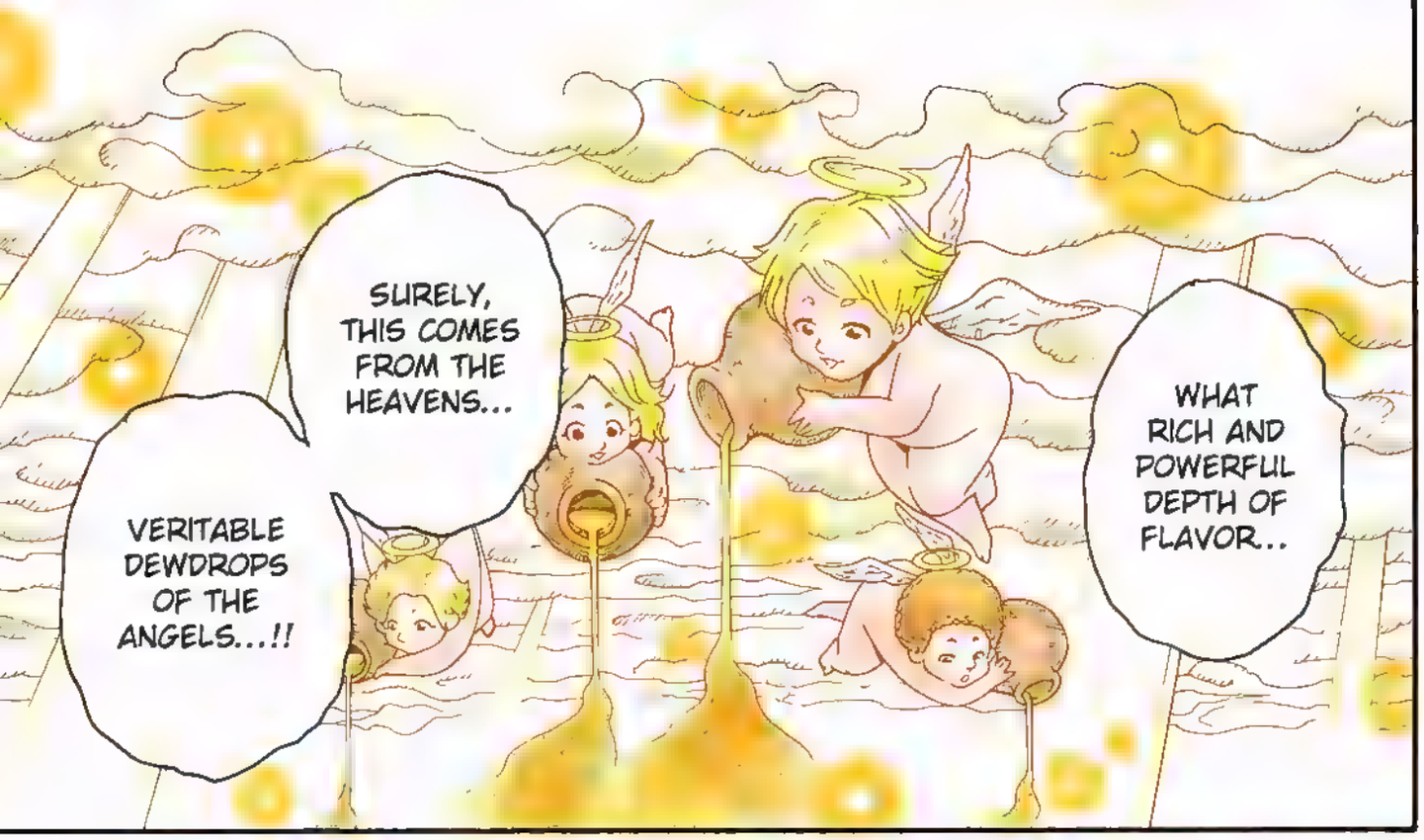
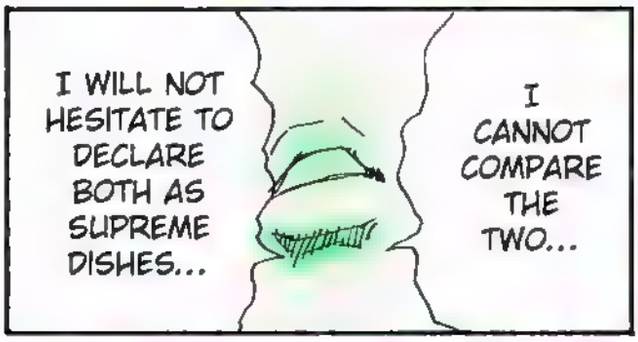
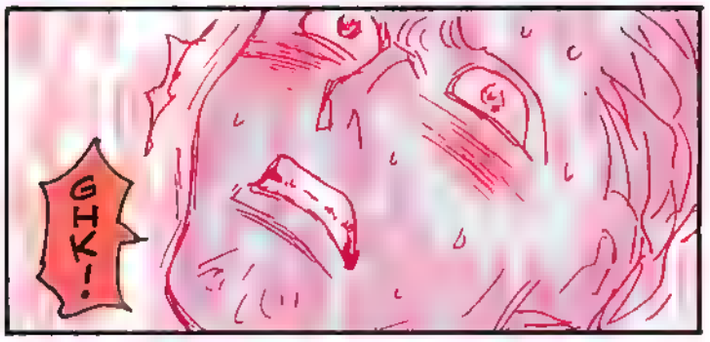

AAH...


SURELY, THIS COMES FROM THE HEAVENS...
VERITABLE DEWDROPS OF THE ANGELS...!!
WHAT RICH AND POWERFUL DEPTH OF FLAVOR...


I WILL NOT HESITATE TO DECLARE BOTH AS SUPREME DISHES...
I CANNOT COMPARE THE TWO...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GIVE ME... AS MUCH AS YOU HAVE...
I NEED... MORE...!!
MORE OF BOTH...!

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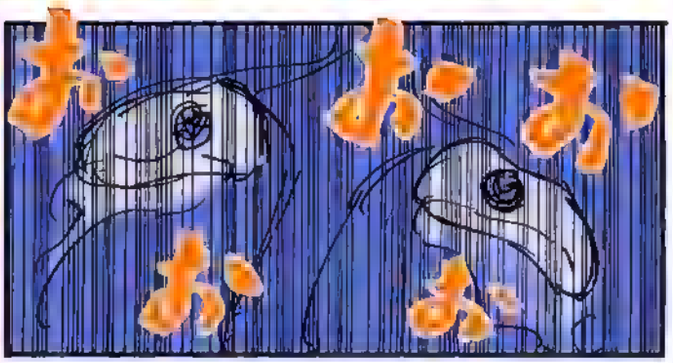
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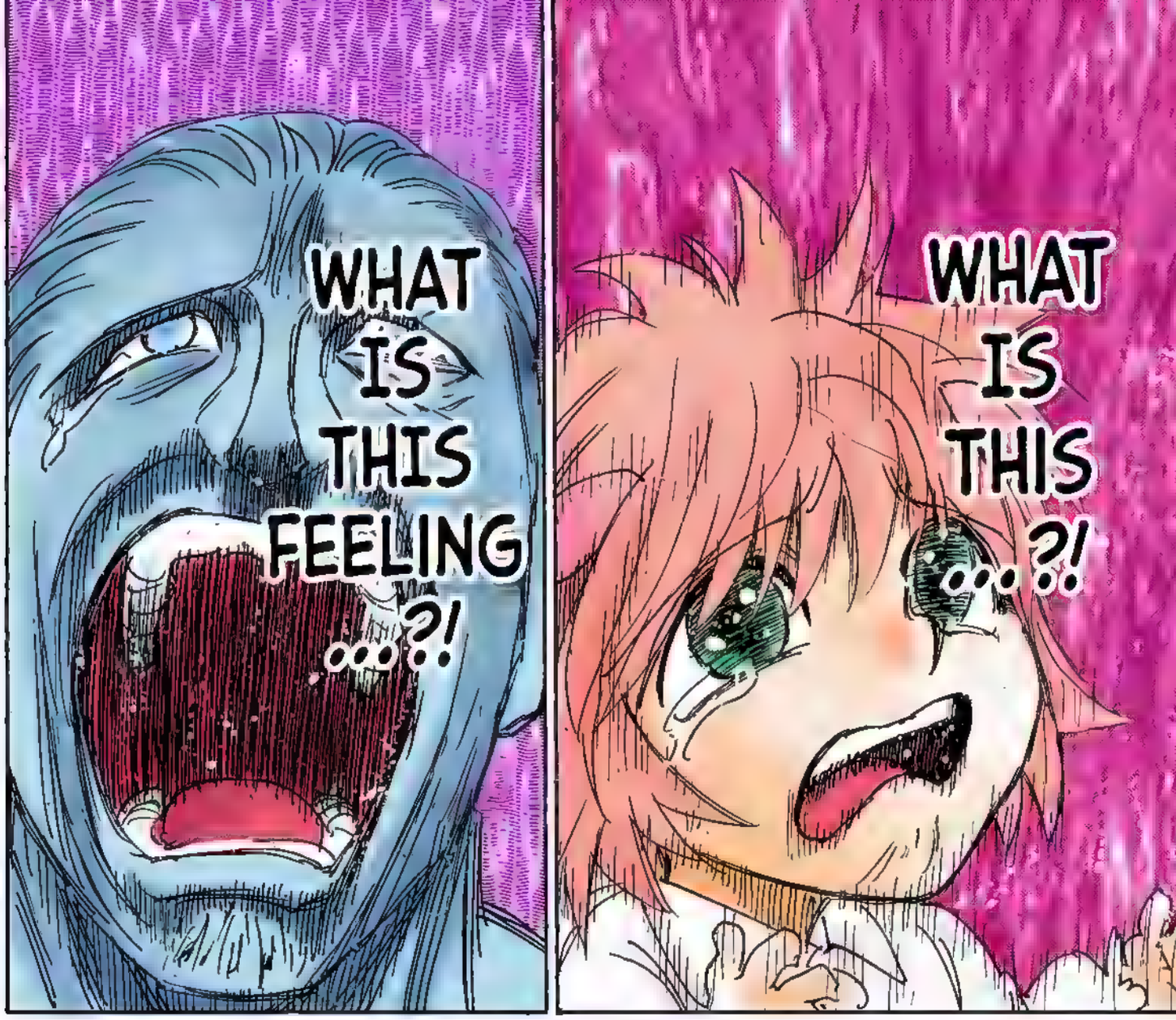
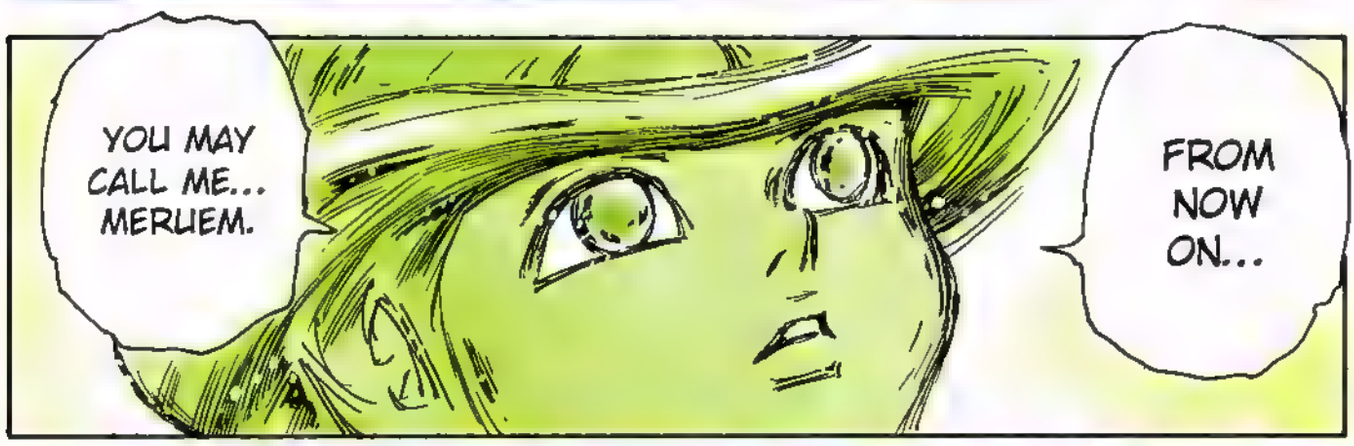
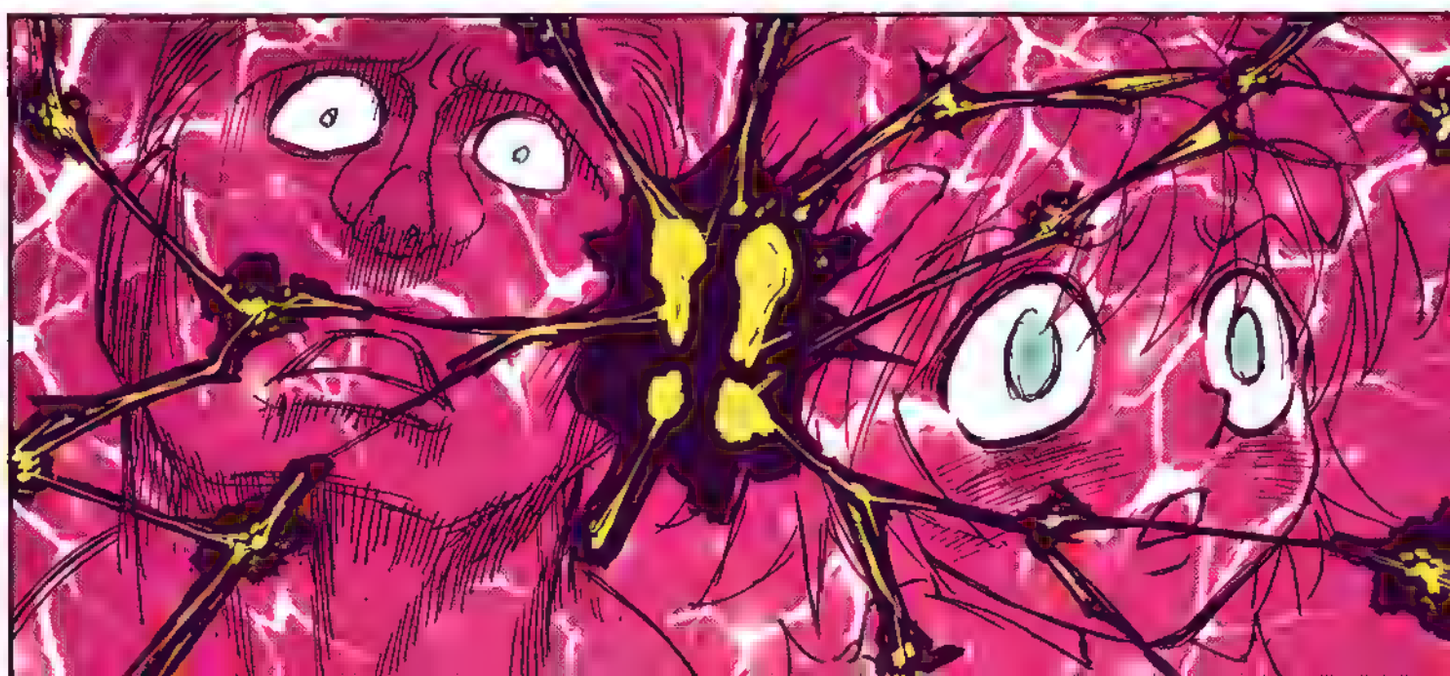
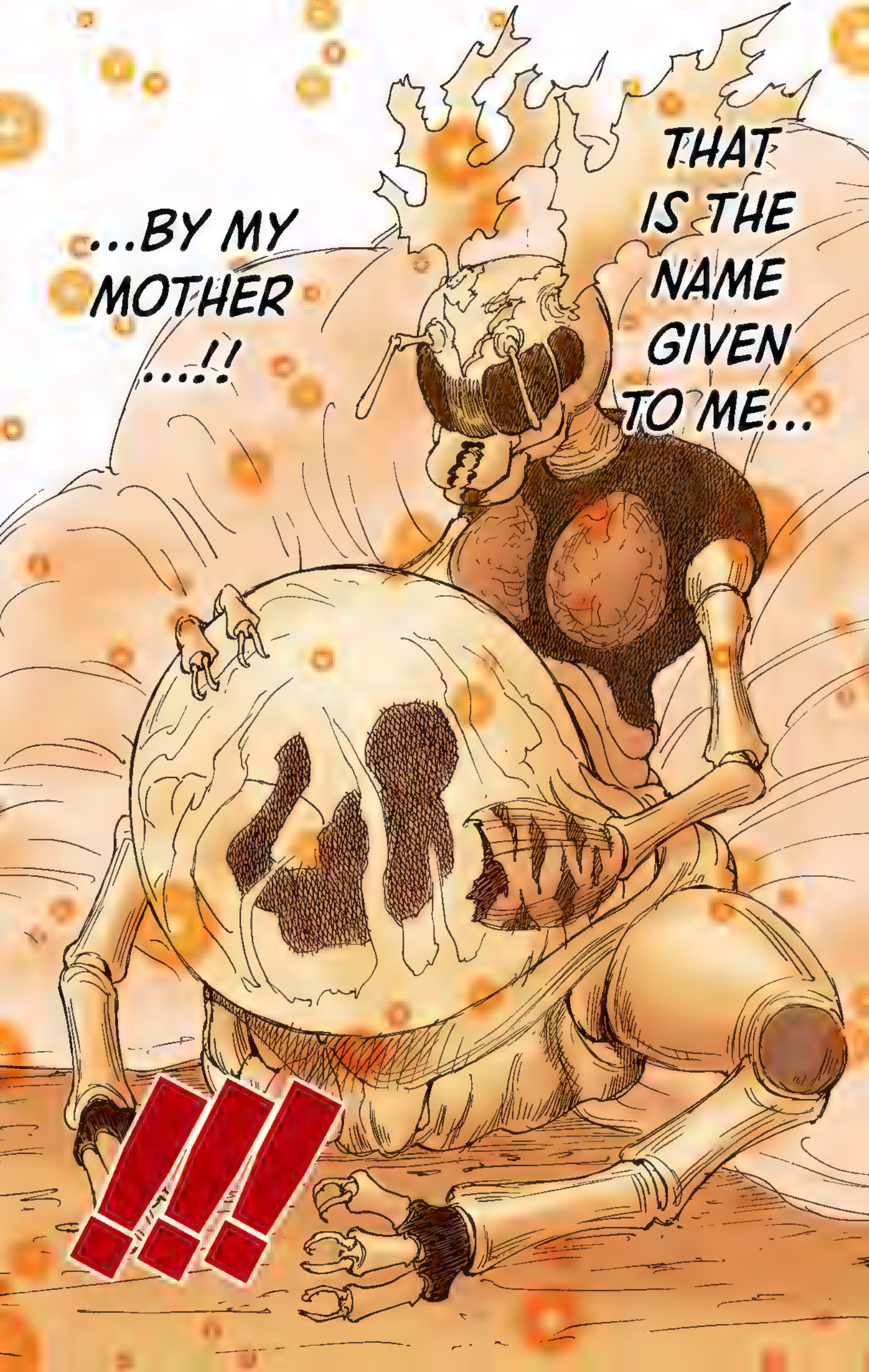
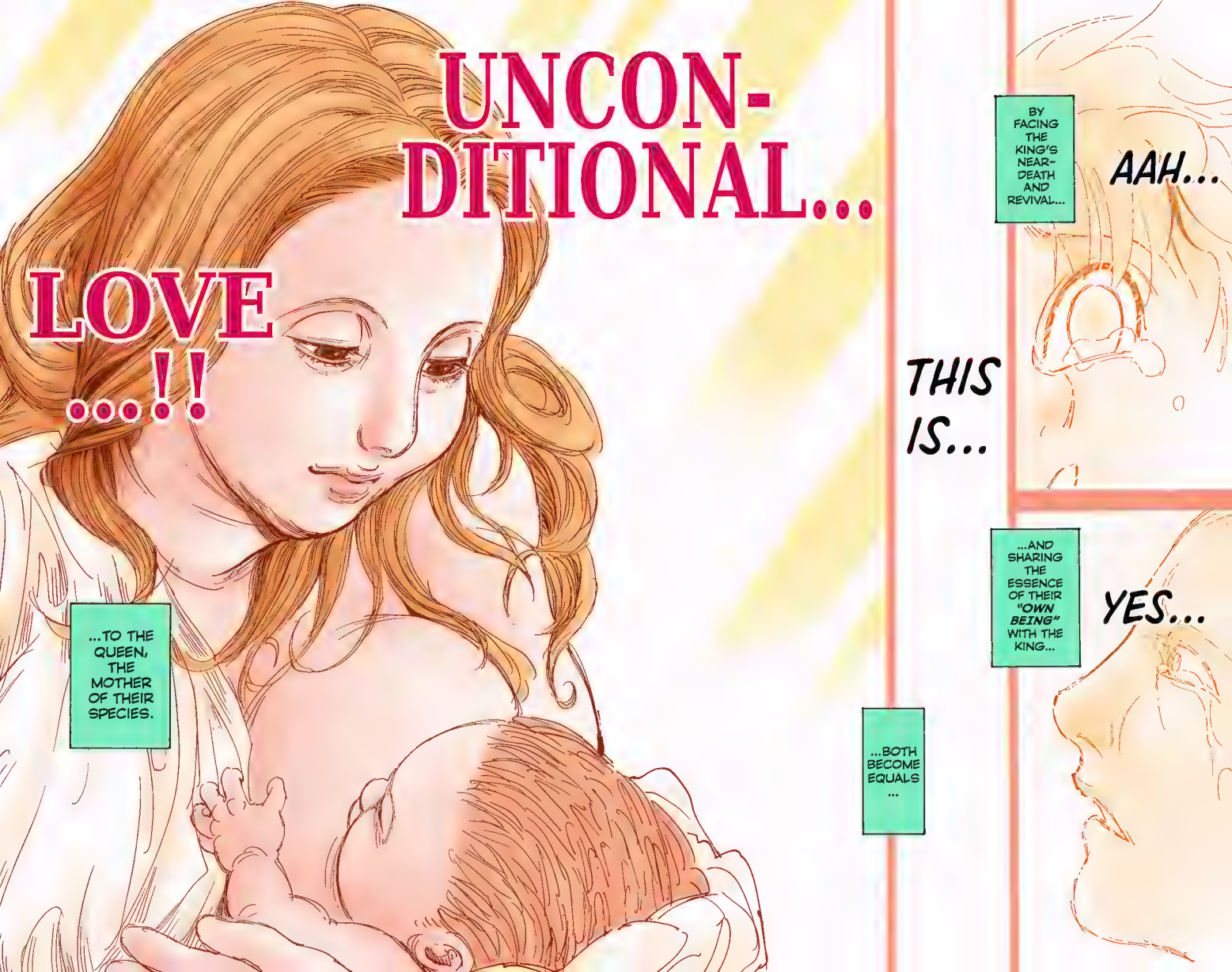
WHAT RARE JOY !!
WITH PLEA-SURE !!
OF COURSE, SIRE!!
YES !!
SUCH SUPREME BLISS !!


WHAT IS THIS FEELING ...?!
WHAT IS THIS ...?!


YOU MAY CALL ME... MERLIEM.
FROM NOW ON...




...BY MY MOTHER ...!!
THAT IS THE NAME GIVEN TO ME...


UNCON-DITIONAL...
LOVE...!!
...TO THE QUEEN, THE MOTHER OF THEIR SPECIES.
THIS IS...
...BOTH BECOME EQUALS...
BY FACING THE KING'S NEAR-DEATH AND REVIVAL...
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...AND SHARING THE ESSENCE OF THEIR "OWN BEING" WITH THE KING...
YES...

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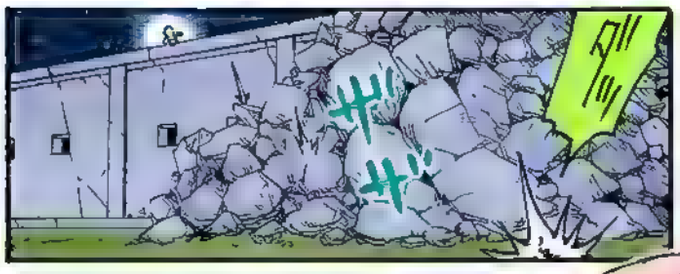

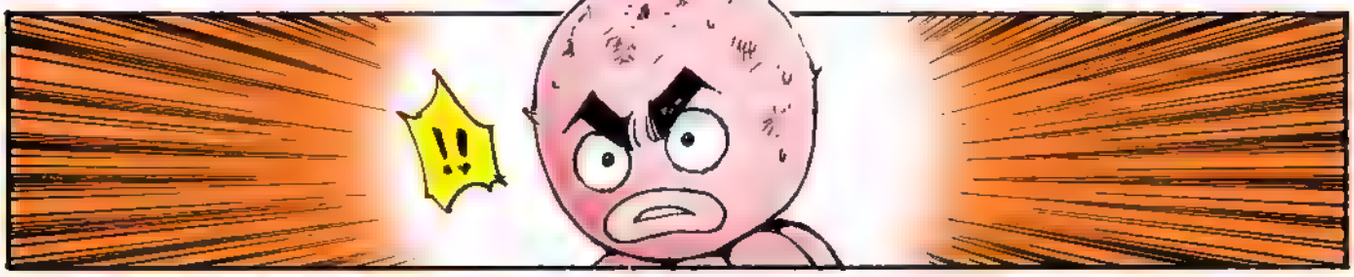

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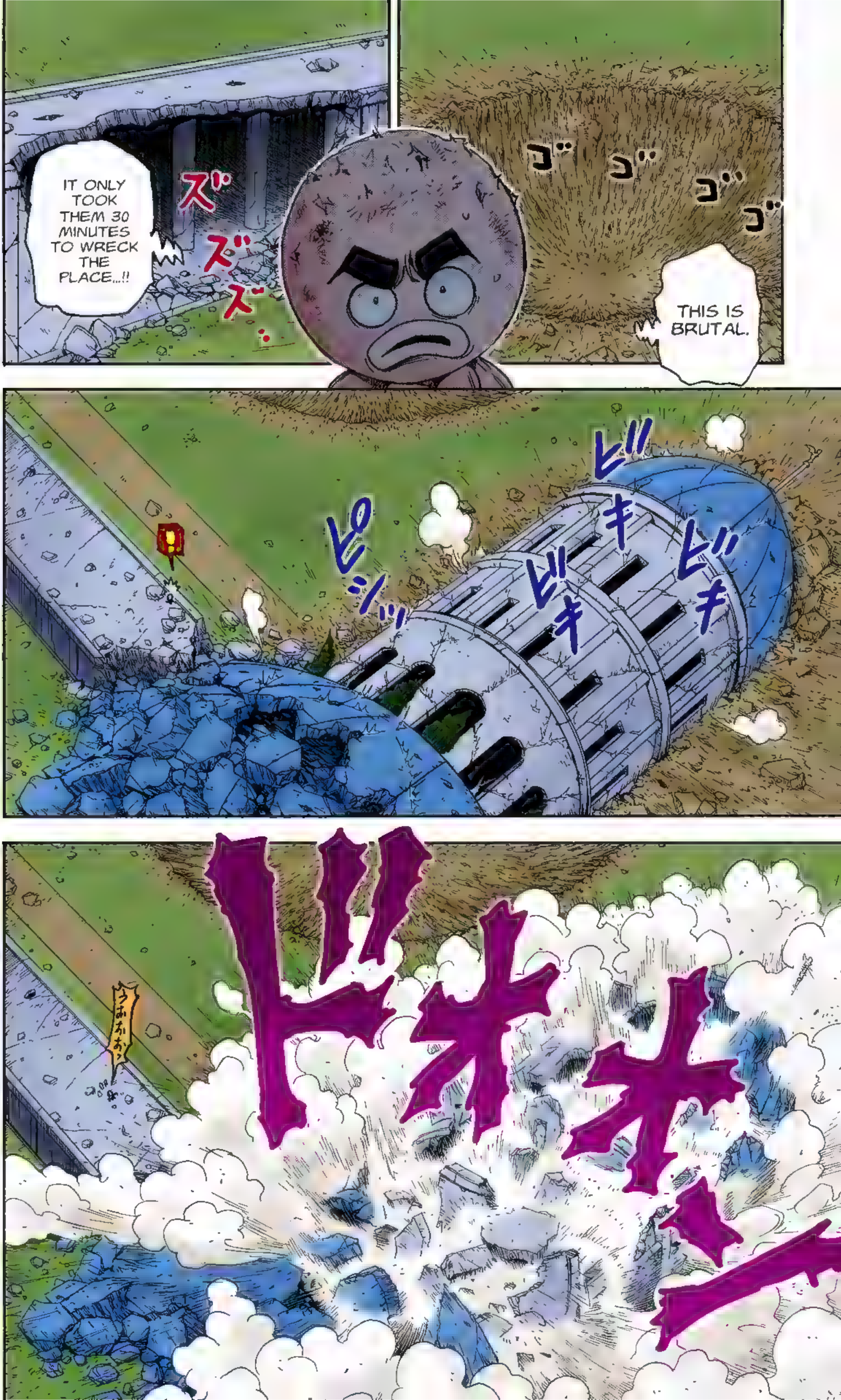
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THIS IS BRUTAL.
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IT ONLY TOOK THEM 30 MINUTES TO WRECK THE PLACE...!!
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THAT WAS CLOSE.
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IKALGO ?!
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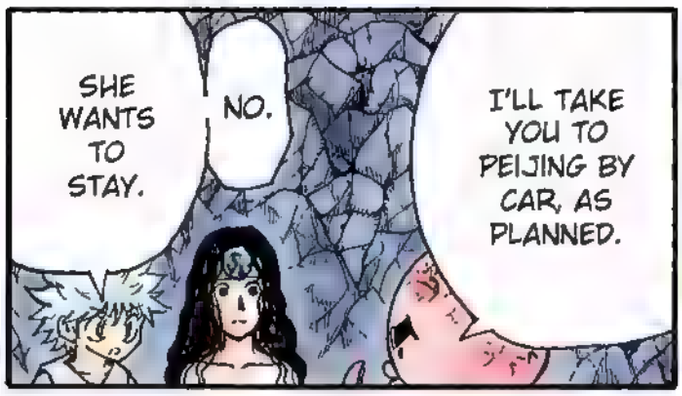
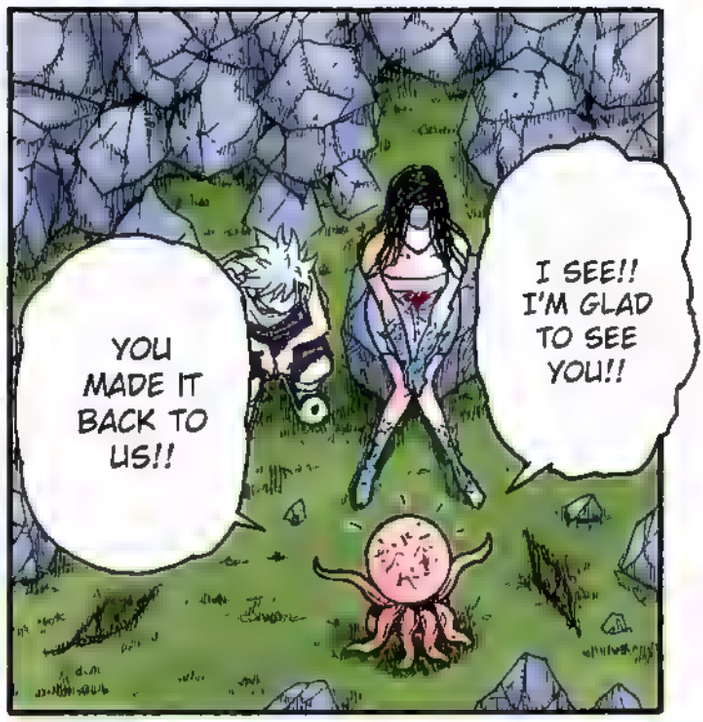
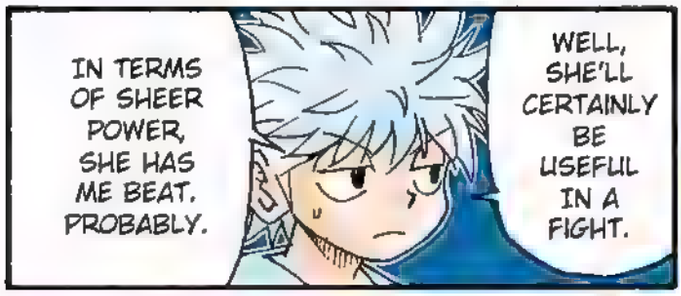
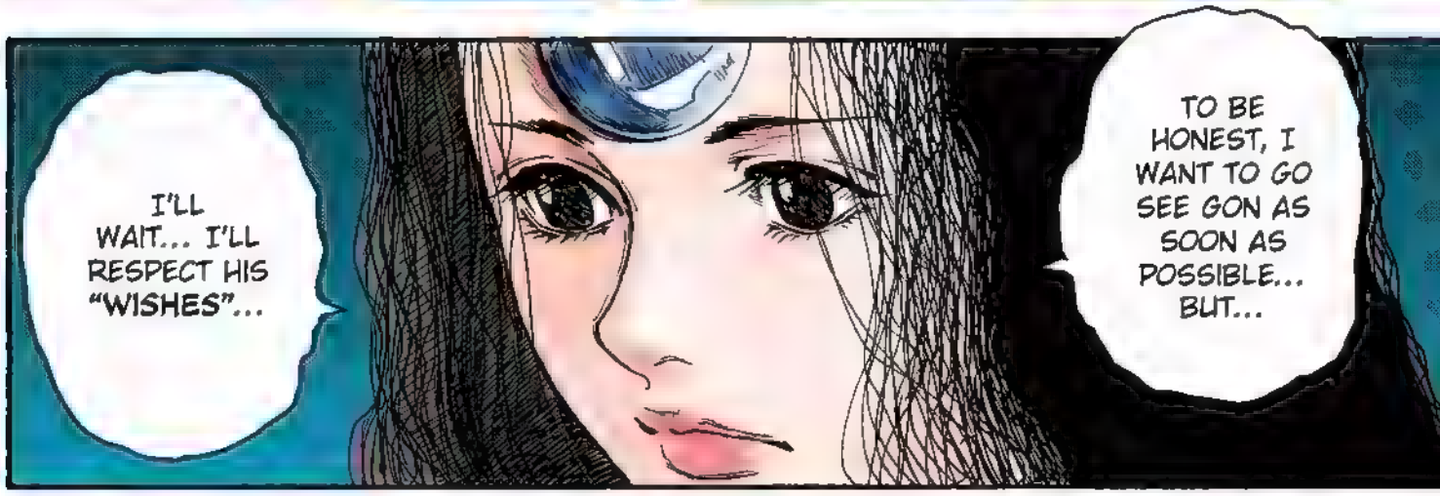
PALM ...!!

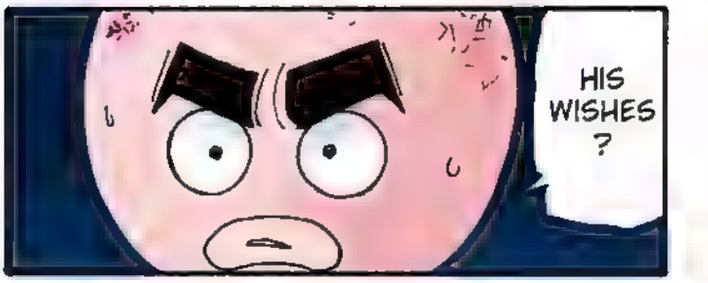

SHE WANTS TO STAY.
NO.
I'LL TAKE YOU TO PEIJING BY CAR, AS PLANNED.


YOU MADE IT BACK TO US!!
I SEE!! I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU!!

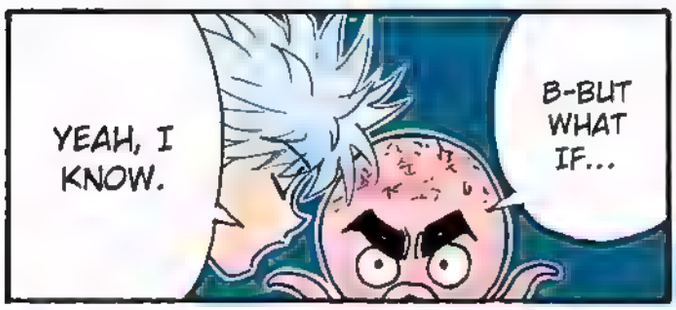

IN TERMS OF SHEER POWER, SHE HAS ME BEAT. PROBABLY.
WELL, SHE'LL CERTAINLY BE USEFUL IN A FIGHT.


I'LL WAIT... I'LL RESPECT HIS "WISHES"...
TO BE HONEST, I WANT TO GO SEE GON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE... BUT...

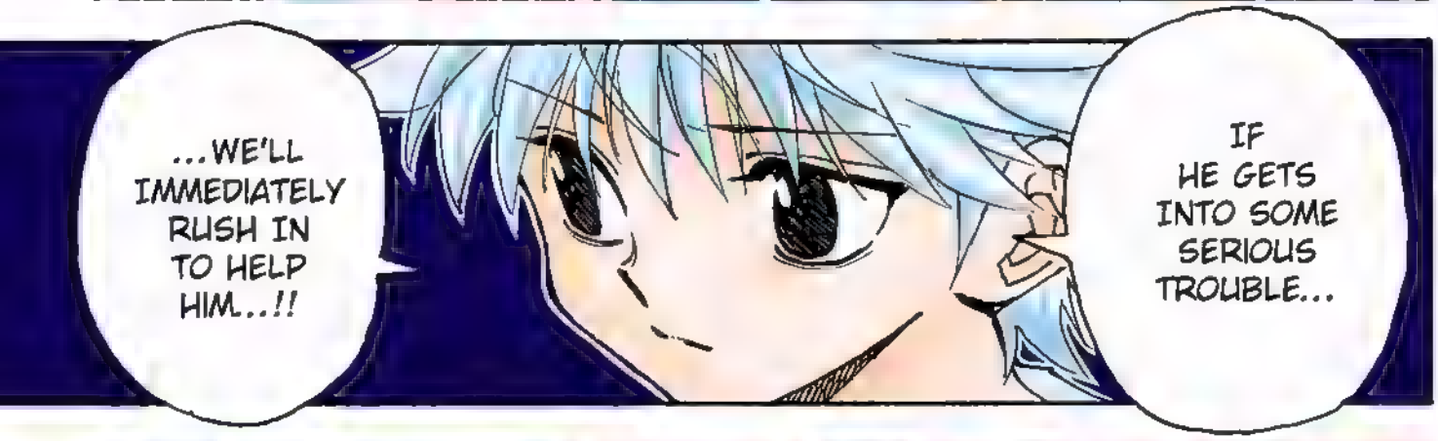
AND ONCE HE'S MADE UP HIS MIND, THAT'S IT. HE WON'T BUDGE.
HE'S... DECIDED TO FIGHT PITOU BY HIMSELF.

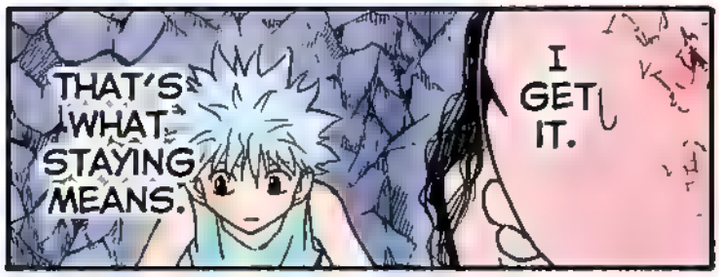

HIS WISHES ?

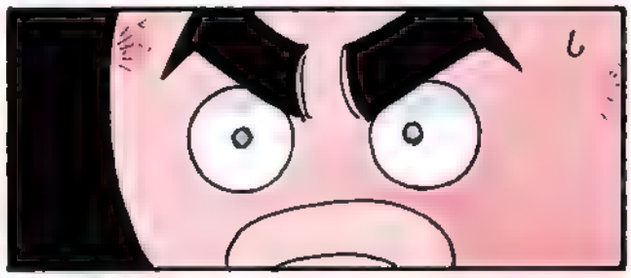
...WITH THE BEST CHANCE OF VICTORY.
BUT TO BE HONEST, THAT'S THE KIND OF SITUATION...

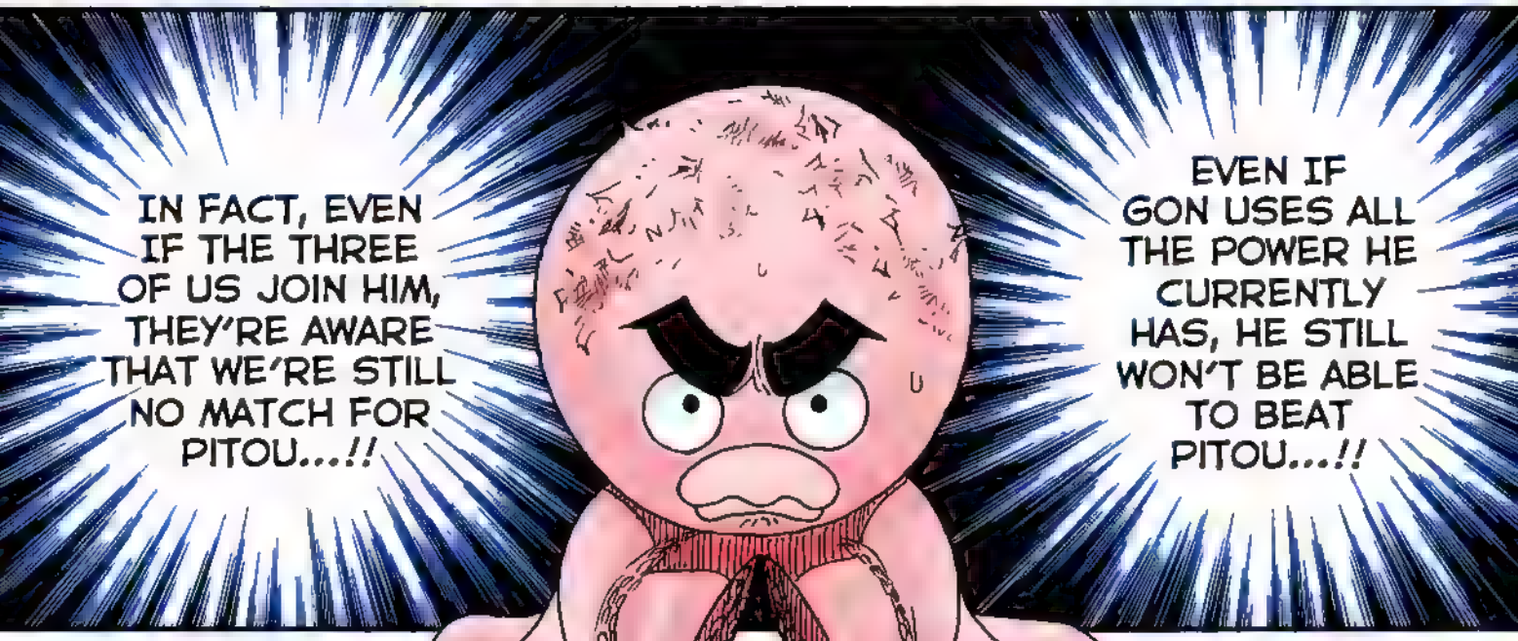

YEAH, I KNOW.
B-BUT WHAT IF...

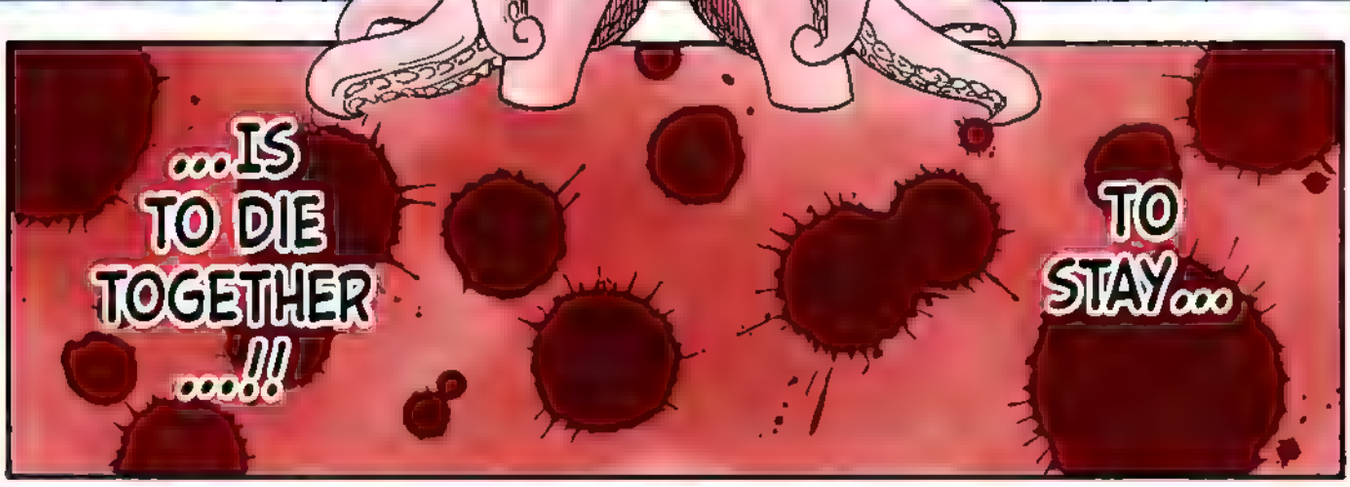
...IS STAY OUT OF HIS WAY.
WHICH MEANS ALL WE CAN DO...

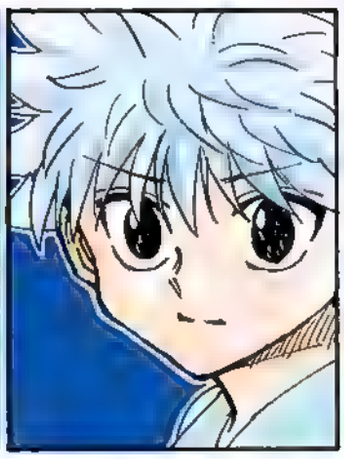

...WE'LL IMMEDIATELY RUSH IN TO HELP HIM...!!
IF HE GETS INTO SOME SERIOUS TROUBLE...

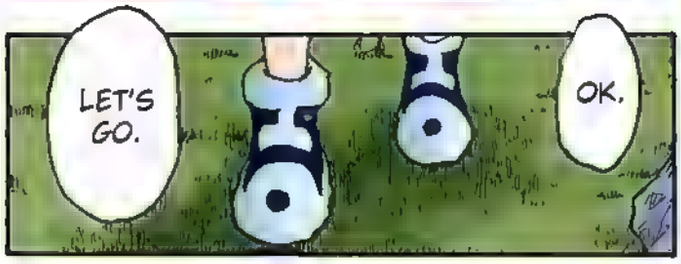

THAT'S WHAT STAYING MEANS.
I GET IT.



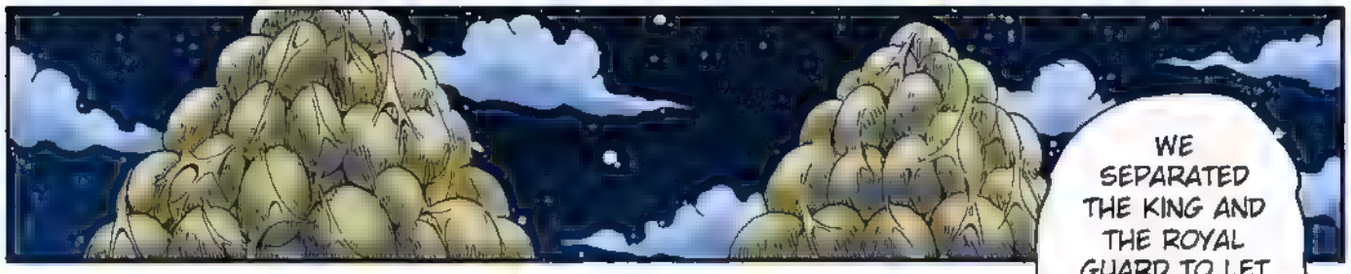

IN FACT, EVEN IF THE THREE OF US JOIN HIM, THEY'RE AWARE THAT WE'RE STILL NO MATCH FOR PITOU...!!
EVEN IF GON USES ALL THE POWER HE CURRENTLY HAS, HE STILL WON'T BE ABLE TO BEAT PITOU...!!

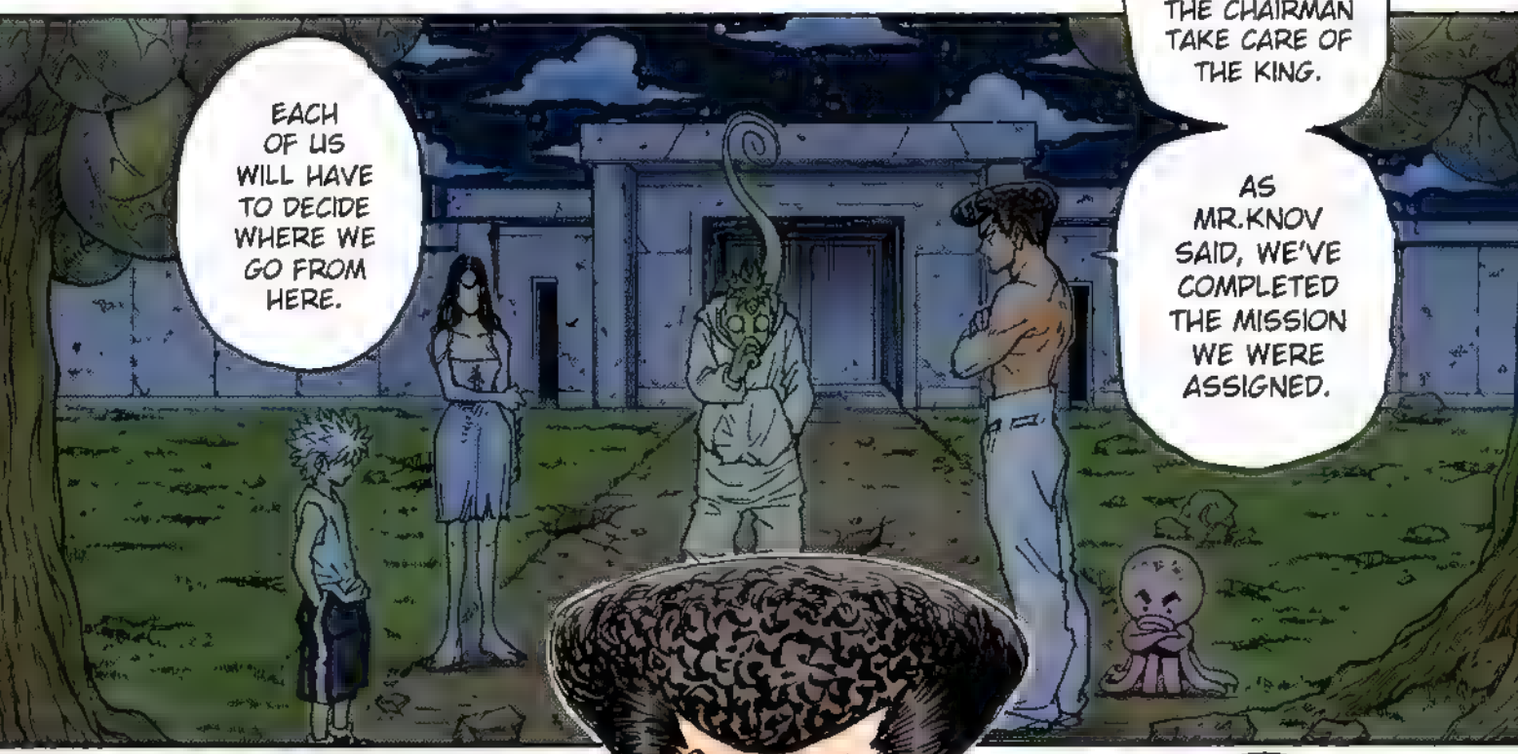

...IS TO DIE TOGETHER ...!!
TO STAY...

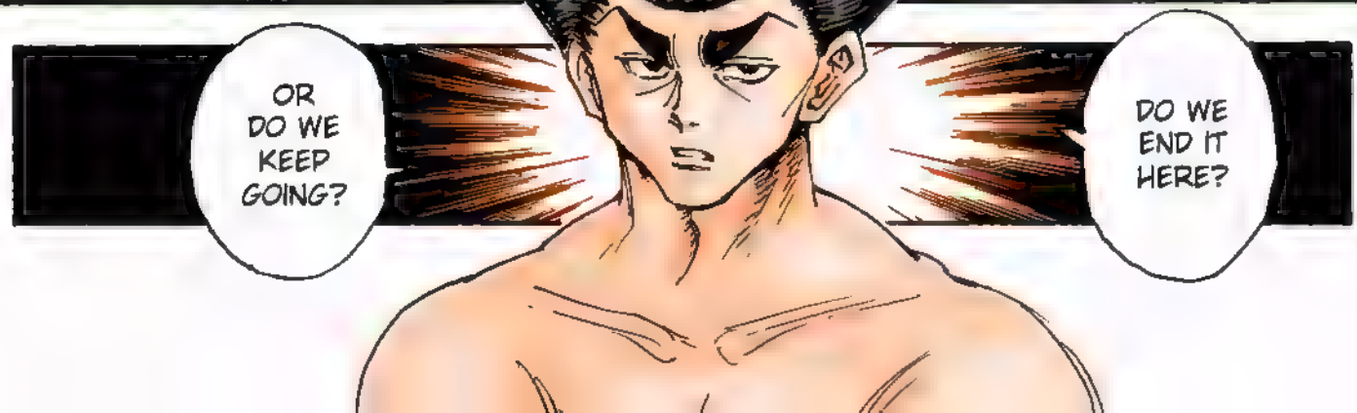



LET'S GO.
OK.

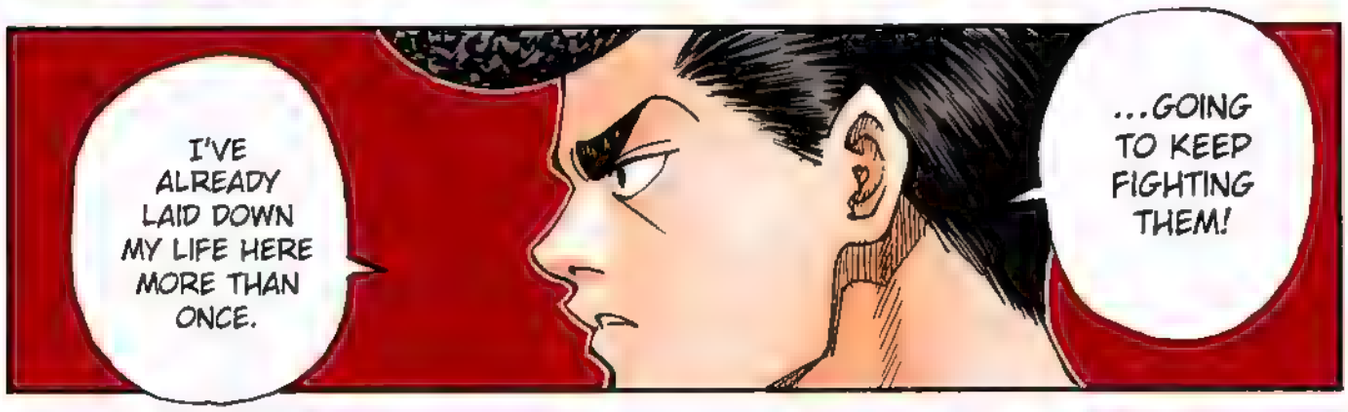
WANT TO COME ?
WE'RE ALSO LOOKING FOR KNUCKLE AND THE OTHERS.
YEAH!

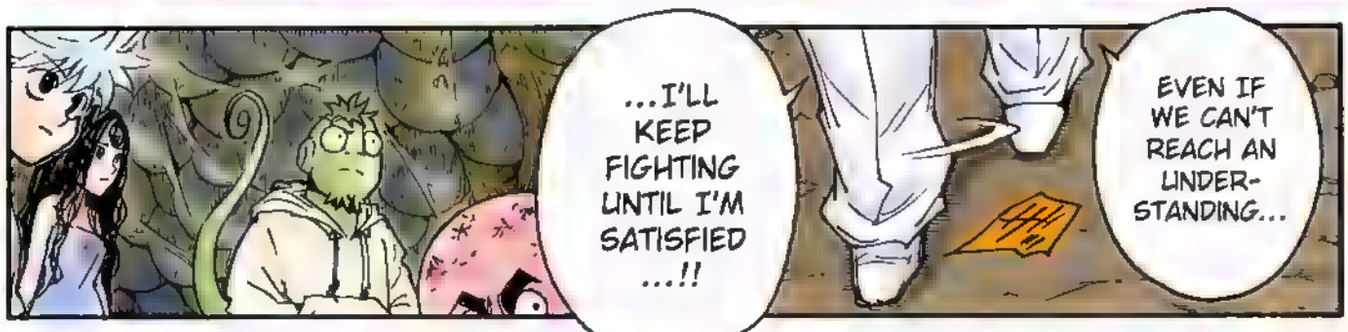


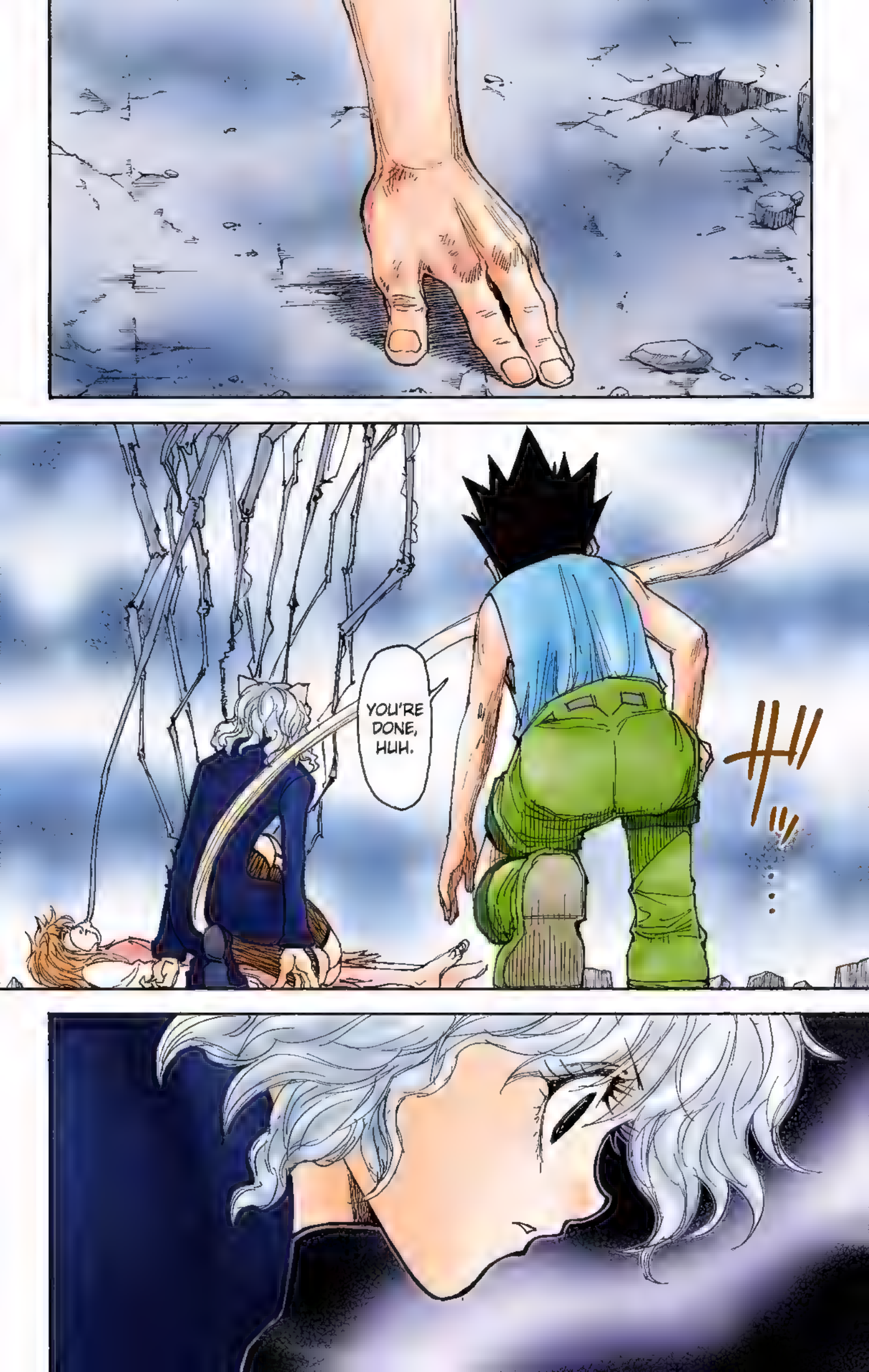

WE SEPARATED THE KING AND THE ROYAL GUARD TO LET THE CHAIRMAN TAKE CARE OF THE KING.
EACH OF US WILL HAVE TO DECIDE WHERE WE GO FROM HERE.
AS MR.KNOV SAID, WE'VE COMPLETED THE MISSION WE WERE ASSIGNED.

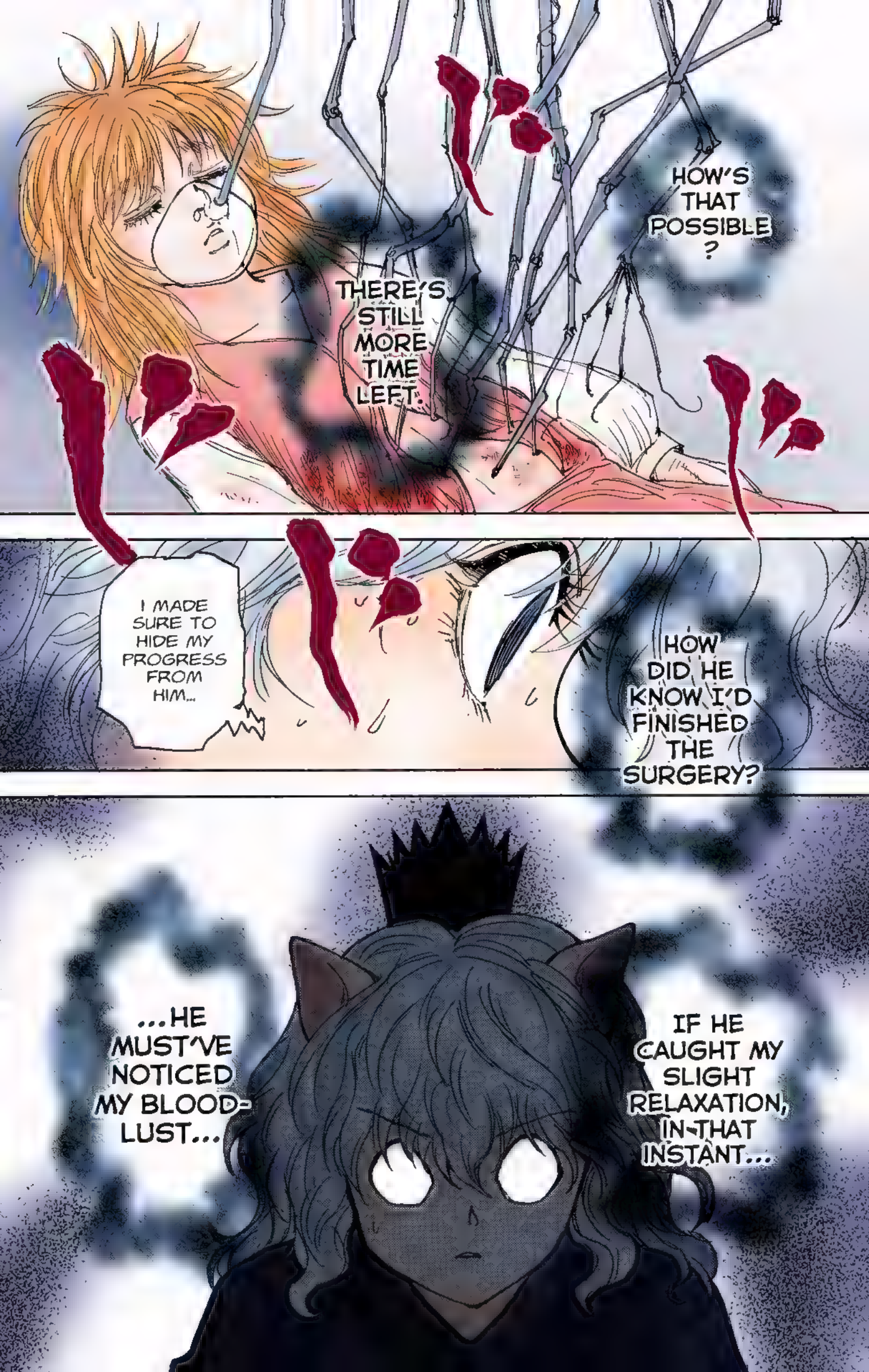

OR DO WE KEEP GOING?
DO WE END IT HERE?

I'M ...


I'VE ALREADY LAID DOWN MY LIFE HERE MORE THAN ONCE.
...GOING TO KEEP FIGHTING THEM!


...I'LL KEEP FIGHTING UNTIL I'M SATISFIED ...!!
EVEN IF WE CAN'T REACH AN UNDER-STANDING...


YOU'RE DONE, HUH.


HOW'S THAT POSSIBLE?
THERE'S STILL MORE TIME LEFT.
I MADE SURE TO HIDE MY PROGRESS FROM HIM...
HOW DID HE KNOW I'D FINISHED THE SURGERY?
...HE MUST'VE NOTICED MY BLOOD-LUST...
IF HE CAUGHT MY SLIGHT RELAXATION, IN-THAT INSTANT...

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GET UP.
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IT'LL BE FASTER IF WE RUN THERE.
WE'RE GOING TO PEIJING.
UH...
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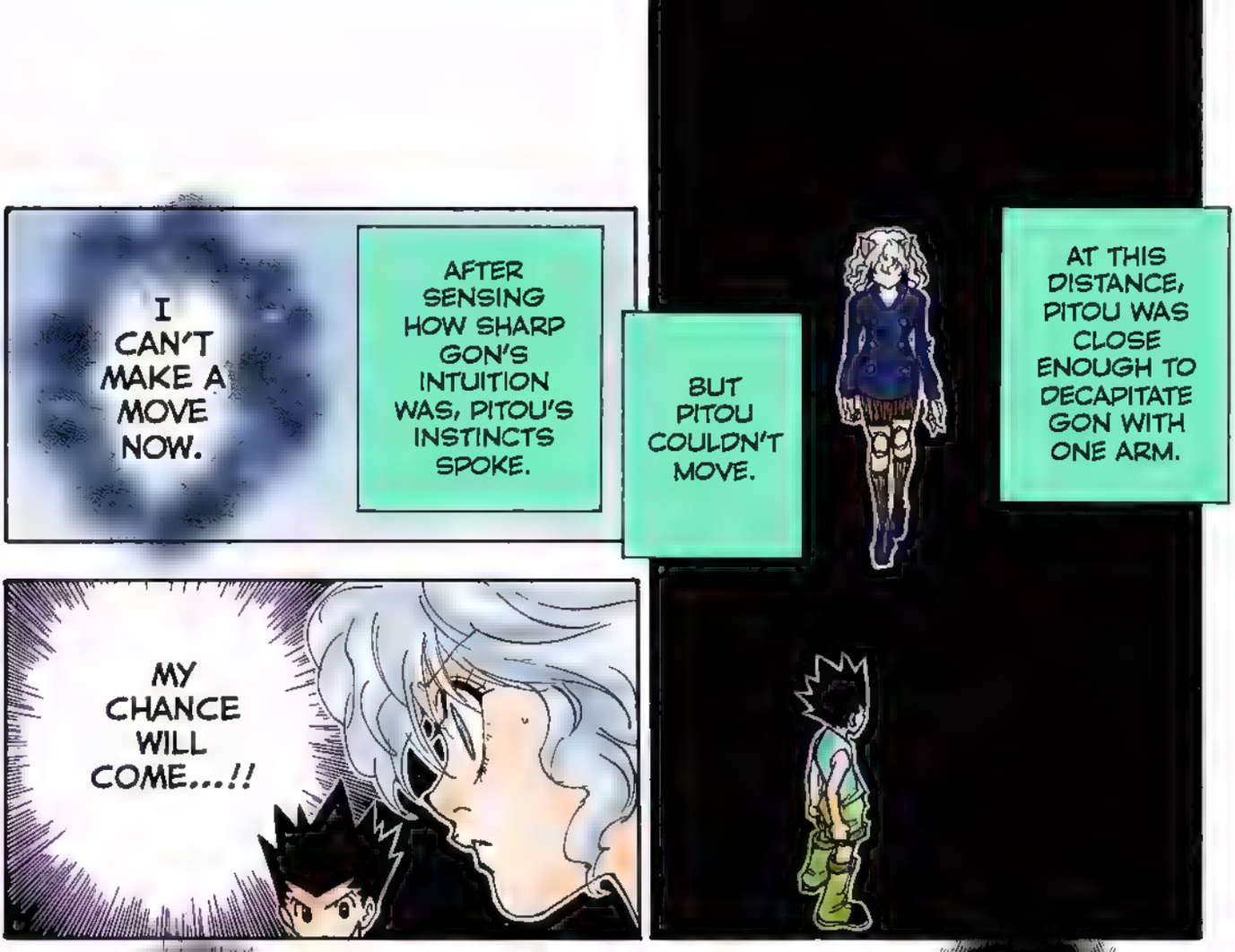
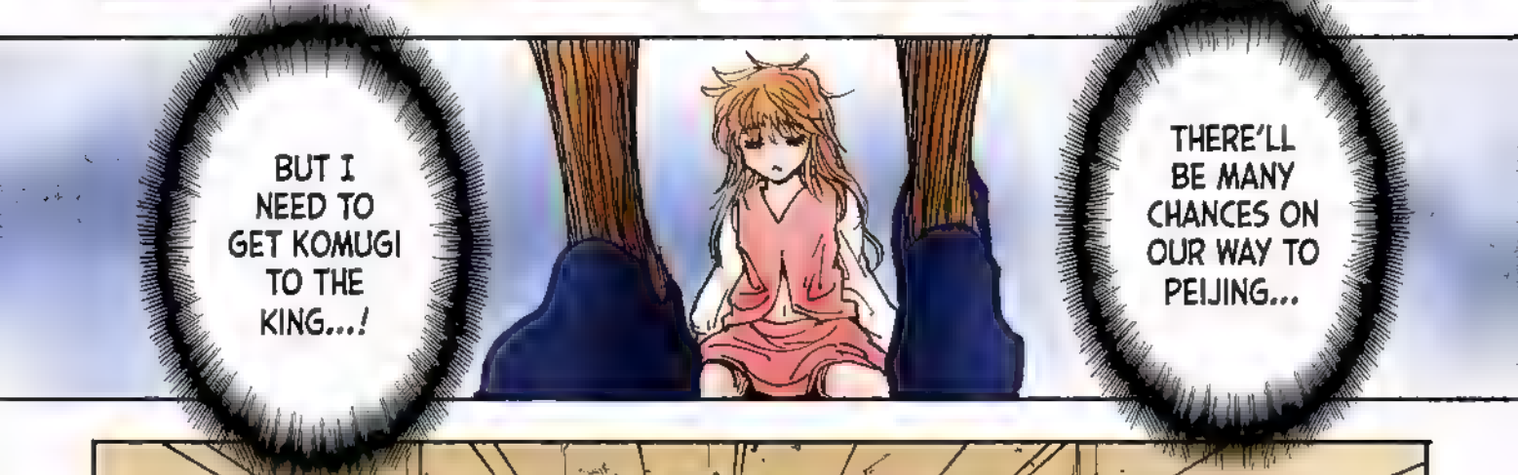
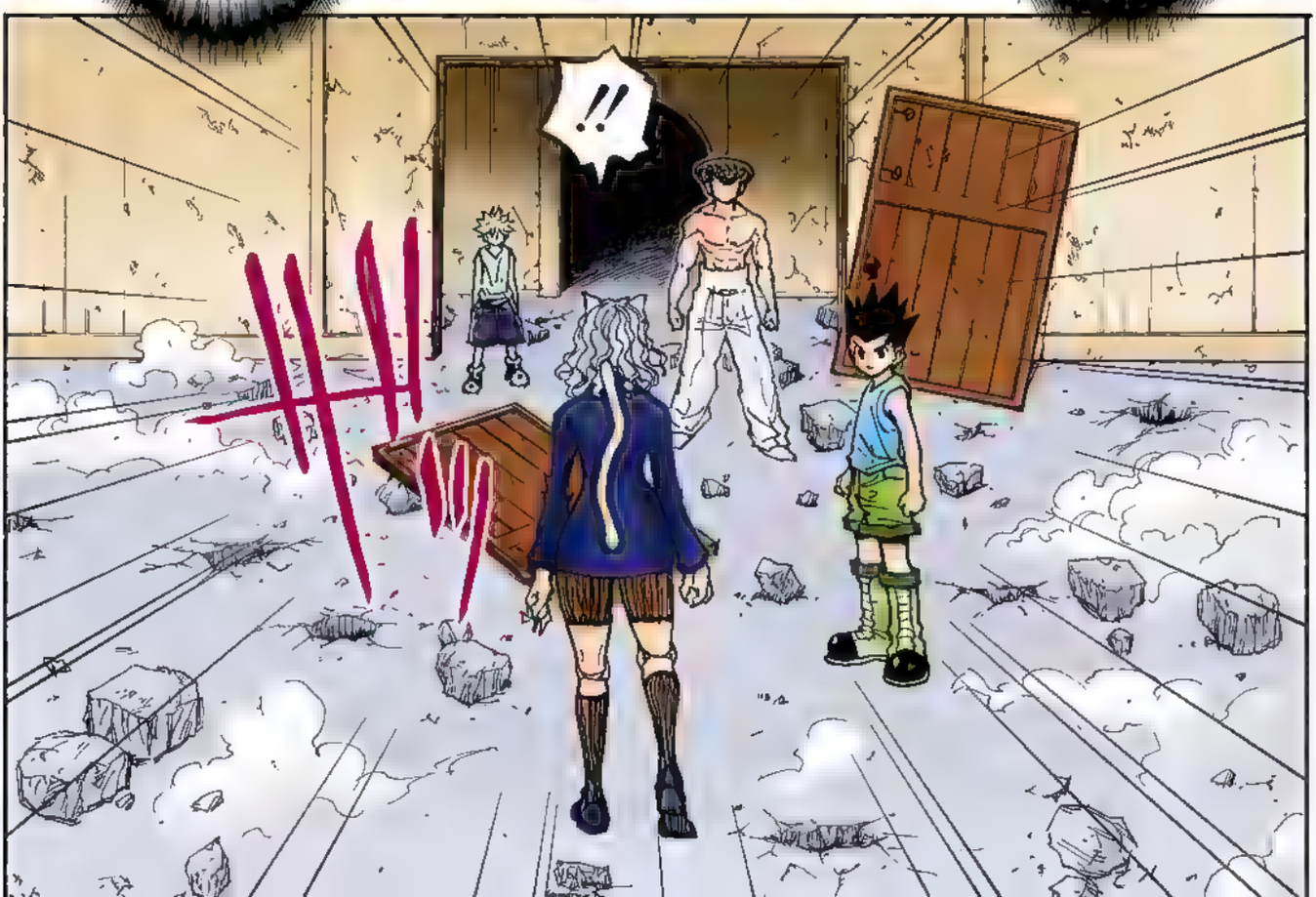
...TO ME...?
WHAT HAPPENED ...
I'D LIKE TO...
PITOU.

...I'LL KILL HER.
THE NEXT TIME YOU SPEAK OUT OF LINE...
U-UM, I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON...
UH UH
I-I'M SORRY... AM I INTERRUPTING SOMETHING ?
LET'S GO.
ALL RIGHT.


I CAN'T MAKE A MOVE NOW.
AFTER SENSING HOW SHARP GON'S INTUITION WAS, PITOU'S INSTINCTS SPOKE.
BUT PITOU COULDN'T MOVE.
AT THIS DISTANCE, PITOU WAS CLOSE ENOUGH TO DECAPITATE GON WITH ONE ARM.
MY CHANCE WILL COME...!!


BUT I NEED TO GET KOMUGI TO THE KING...!
THERE'LL BE MANY CHANCES ON OUR WAY TO PEIJING...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AND IF PITOU TRIES TO FIGHT BACK, A.P.R. WILL SHIELD YOU.
IF THERE'S AN ESCAPE ATTEMPT, I CAN TRACK PITOU DOWN.
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GON...
DO YOU WANT ME TO USE "HAKOWARE" ON PITOU?
I TRUST PITOU.
THANKS, KNUCKLE.
BUT IT'S FINE.

ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT ME...?
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...TAKE CARE OF THAT GIRL UNTIL PITOU AND I SEE KITE.
SO KNUCKLE ...
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...AS A HOSTAGE ...?!
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IS HE... USING KOMUGI...
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...WE'LL RELEASE HER.
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ONCE PITOU HEALS KITE...
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SO YOU'LL TRUST ME TOO...
...WON'T YOU?
PITOU !!!
.....

YOU DON'T WANT TO GO WITH GON?
HM?
YOU SURE ABOUT THIS, KILLUA ?
BUT... GON WAS SO DISMISSIVE.
WE WE'RE... NO, KILLUA WAS PREPARED TO DIE WITH GON!!
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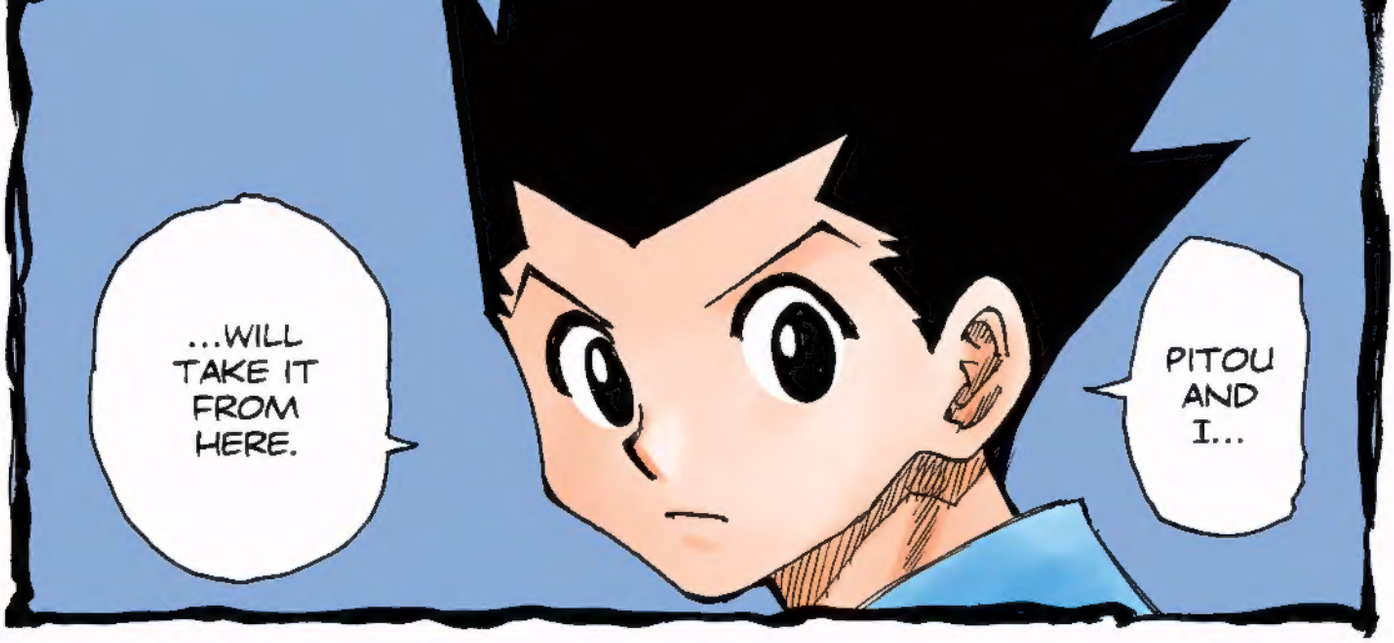
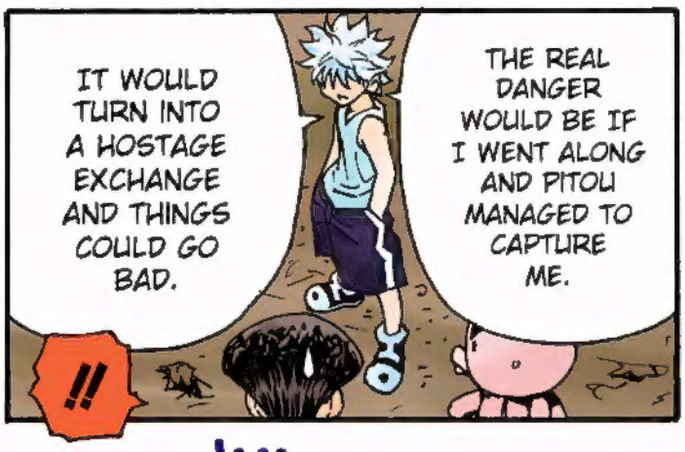

PITOU AND I...
...WILL TAKE IT FROM HERE.


THE REAL DANGER WOULD BE IF I WENT ALONG AND PITOU MANAGED TO CAPTURE ME.
IT WOULD TURN INTO A HOSTAGE EXCHANGE AND THINGS COULD GO BAD.
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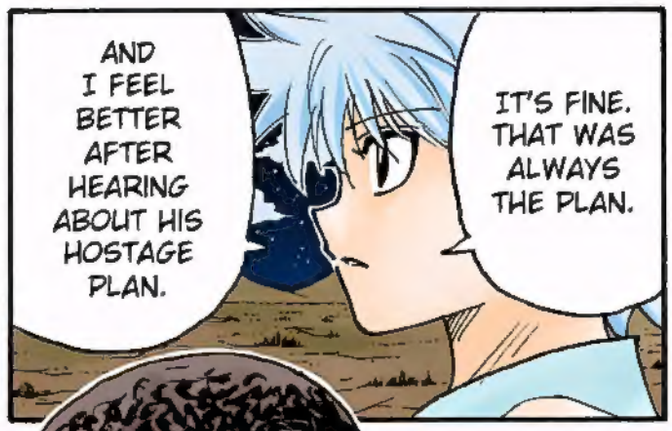
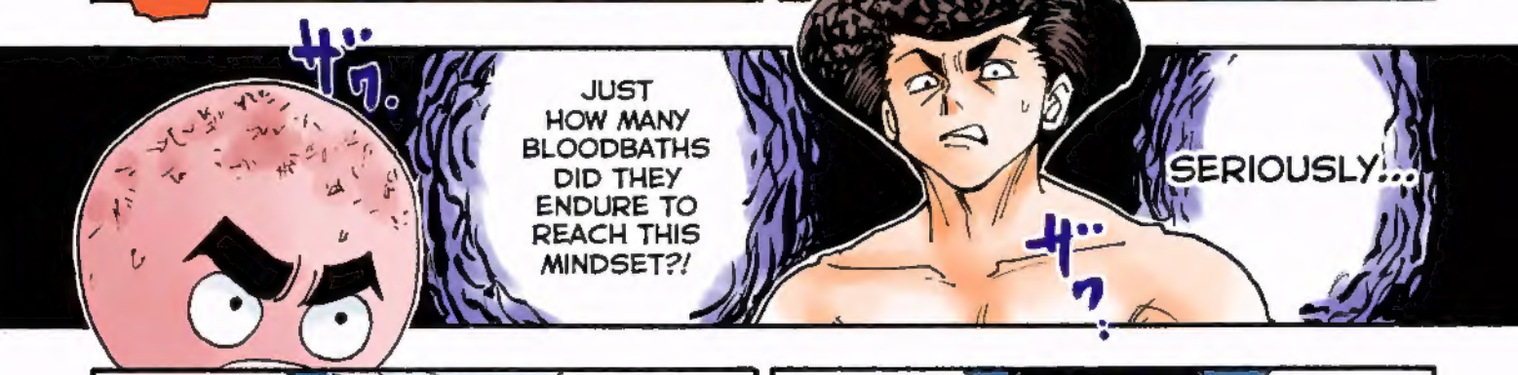
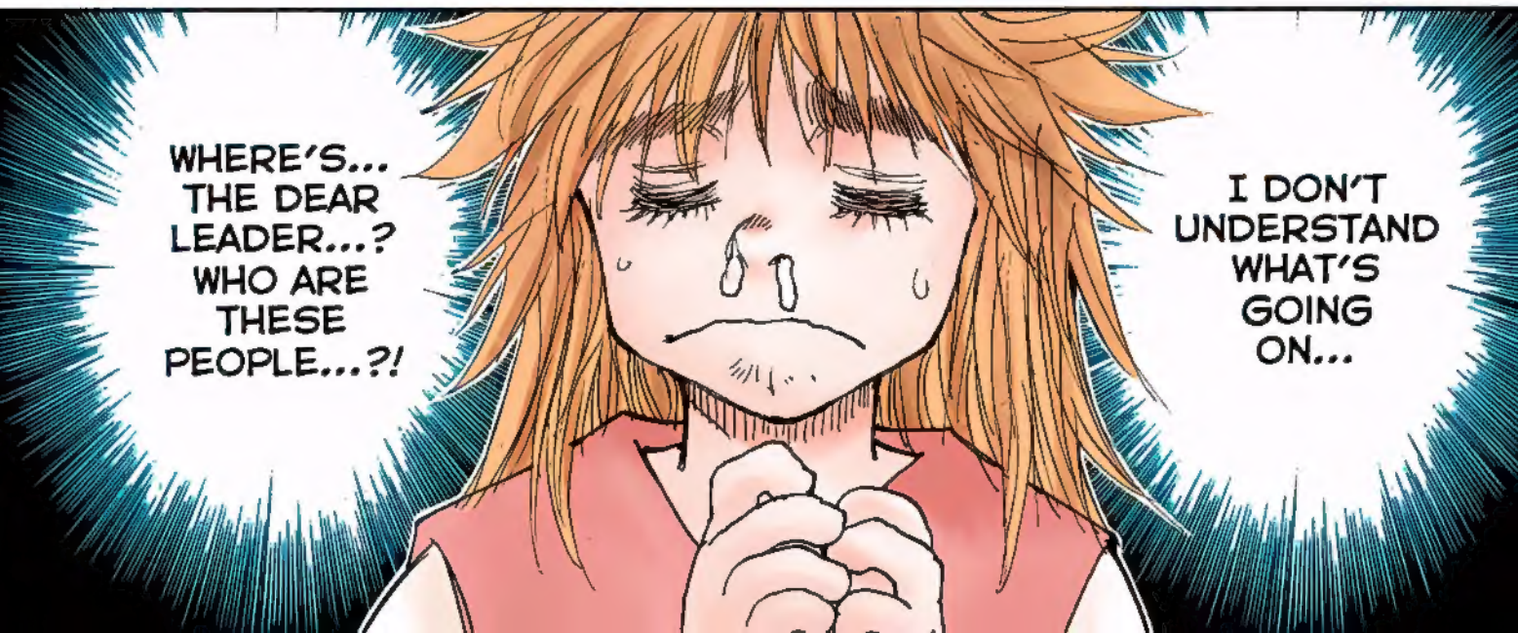

IT'S FINE. THAT WAS ALWAYS THE PLAN.
AND I FEEL BETTER AFTER HEARING ABOUT HIS HOSTAGE PLAN.


SERIOUSLY...
JUST HOW MANY BLOODBATHS DID THEY ENDURE TO REACH THIS MINDSET?!

BESIDES, PITOU WON'T ABANDON HER.
WHICH MEANS THAT GON IS SAFE.

IT'S ALL RIGHT... NOW THAT I'VE SEEN GON WITH MY OWN EYES...
...I'LL KNOW IMMEDIATELY IF SOMETHING HAPPENS...


I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON...
WHERE'S... THE DEAR LEADER...? WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE...?!

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